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MCKINLEY LODGE NO. 712 F.& A.M.

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INTRODUCTION
by

CLARENCE A. TAPPER, PAST GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF INDIANA AND A MEMBER OF MCKINLEY LODGE NO. 712, F. & A.M.

I am pleased to introduce the readers of this history to Wor. Bro. Bill McNabney and to the chronicle he tells of the events in the life of McKinley Lodge No. 712 F.& A.M. The time frame of his history is from its inception in 1919 to 1994.

Bill was the eldest of three sons born in Hammond, Indiana to Bro. Bland T. McNabney, a member of McKinley Lodge, and Sylvia Arletta Miller McNabney, a member of Hammond Chapter #370, O.E.S. of Hammond. He attended the Hammond Public Schools and was graduated from Hammond High School in 1941.

Following three years of military service in Italy during World War II, he enrolled at Indiana University where he was awarded his Bachelors, Masters and Doctorate Degrees. Bill also took additional graduate work at the Universities of Chicago, Purdue, Loyola of Chicago, and Calumet College of Saint Joseph.

His Masonic history includes receiving the Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and the Master Mason Degrees in McKinley Lodge. He is a member of the Scottish Rite, Valley of South Bend and of the York Rite in Hammond where he served as High Priest of Hammond Chapter # 117 Royal Arch Masons in 1962. He is well respected for his writing of "The Influence of Masonry on the Early Development of the United States", and "The Mason Who Served Two Flags."

When I became Wor. Master of McKinley Lodge, I appointed Bill to the Officers Line as Junior Steward. In 1979, he was elected Worshipful Master of McKinley Lodge. I also appointed Bill to the office of Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana when I was elected as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of the State of Indiana in 1982. Bill served the Grand Lodge with the same fine dedication and devotion with which he served McKinley Lodge.

His history greatly expands on an unpublished history, from 1919 to 1950, written by Wor. Bro. Ruben M. Lamb. Bill has compiled an accurate chronicle from 1919 to 1994 from all the correspondence and the minutes of all meetings. He has introduced many interesting anecdotes about McKinley Lodge which should be of interest to every reader.

DEDICATION

This history is dedicated to my wife, Rose Ellen Cubit McNabney, in appreciation for her unwavering support throughout this project and her assistance in proof reading this manuscript. It is also dedicated to Most Worshipful Brother Clarence A. Tapper, a Past Master of McKinley Lodge and the Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons in the State of Indiana in 1982 - 1983.

It is also dedicated to all the past, present, and future Officers and Members of McKinley Lodge No. 712 F. & A.M. with sincere congratulations on their seventy-fifth anniversary and the hope for continued success in the advancement of Masonry.



William F. McNabney, Ed.D.

PREFACE

A brief History of McKinley Lodge from the time of its Charter in 1919 until 1950 was originally written by Wor.Bro. Reuben M. Lamb. This writer has used his history as a base and has added numerous anecdotes and a great amount of material he felt to be of interest from a review of all of the recorded minutes of McKinley Lodge. Credit must be given to Wor. Bro. Lamb for his written history of those early years.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Plate No. 1

Merritt D. Metz
First Master of McKinley Lodge

1919

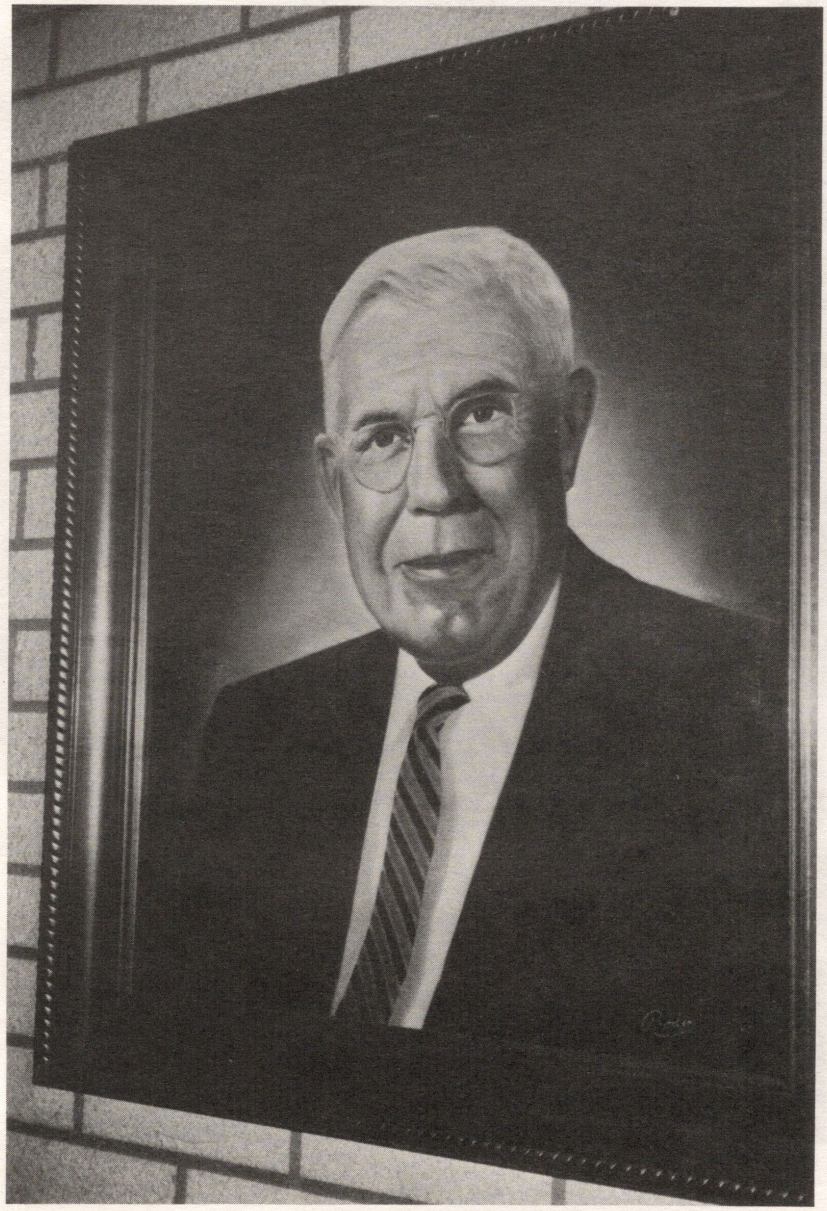


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Clarence A. Tapper

Master of McKinley Lodge 1975

Grand Master of Indiana

1982 - 1983



Plate No. 3

First Home of Garfield Lodge

January to December 25, 1883

Southwest Corner of Morton Court and Plummer Avenue



Plate No. 4

Second Home of Garfield Lodge

December 26, 1883 to 1887

Southeast Corner of Morton Court and Plummer Avenue



Plate No. 5

Third Home of Garfield Lodge 1888 - 1892

Southwest Corner of Plummer Avenue and Hohman Street



Plate No. 6

Fourth Home of Garfield Lodge

1892 - 1907

85 State Street



Plate No. 7

Fifth Home of Garfield Lodge 1907 - 1994

47 Muenich Court

First Home of McKinley Lodge 1919 - 1921



Plate No. 8

1921 Renovation (New Front and New Building Addition)

McKinley's Second Lodge Room (First One of Their Own)

Address Changed to 45 Muenich Court

1921 - 1985



Plate No. 9

McKinley's Third Home

330 - 68th Place Schererville, Indiana

1985 to the Present

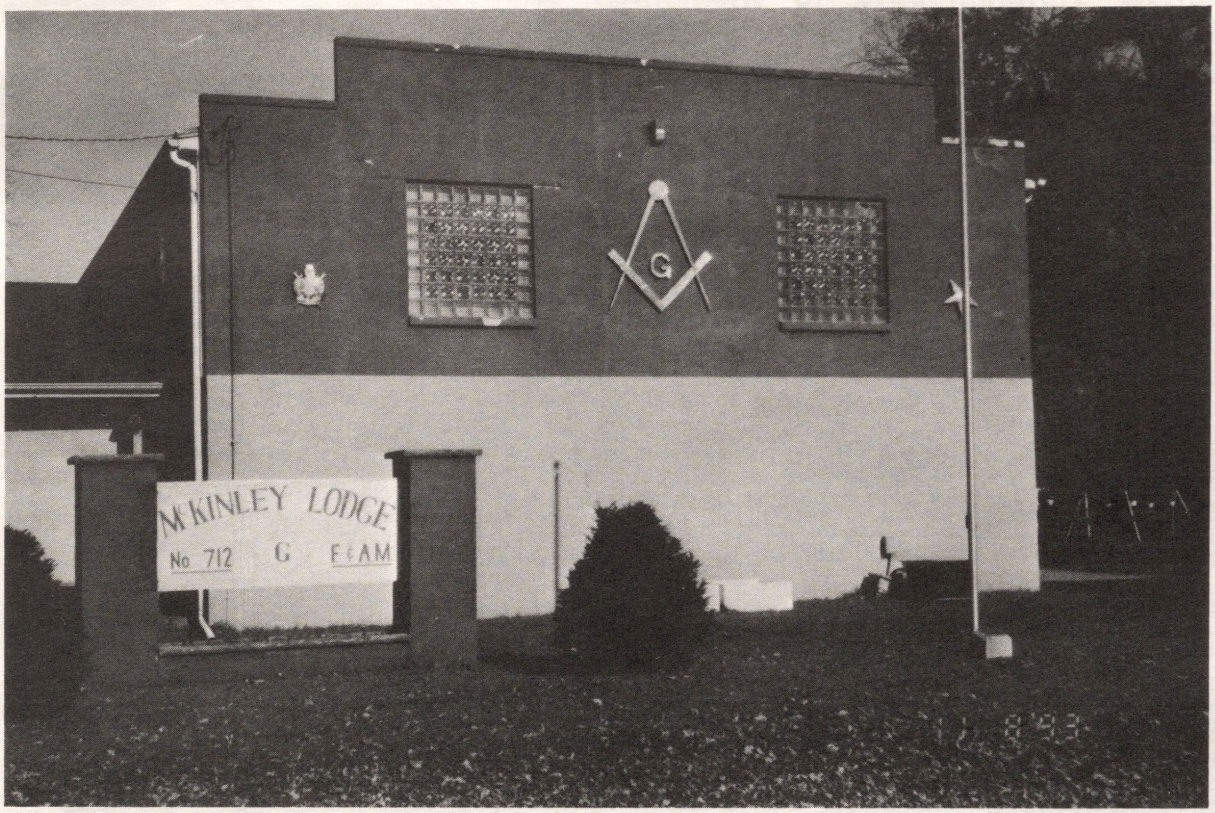


Plate No. 10

McKinley's New Entrance 1993

Schererville, Indiana



THE McKINLEY HERITAGE FROM GARFIELD LODGE NO. 569

Any true History of McKinley Lodge No.712 F. & A.M. of Hammond/ Schererville, Indiana must begin with some background of the beginnings of Masonry in Hammond. As Wor. Brother George L. Pokos said in his History of Garfield Lodge No. 569, "No true history of Masonry, as related to the City of Hammond, can be written without first establishing the historical background of the city itself." This writer gives credit to Wor. Bro. George L. Pokos for part of the early history of Masonry in Hammond.

The history of Hammond and that of Masonry in Hammond is inseparable. Hammond grew from an early settlement of predominantly German immigrants when the Michigan Central Railroad built their tracks across the area in 1851. This made the region accessible to the fast growing population of Chicago.

The construction of the famous Hammond Packing Plant began in 1869 resulting in a growing industry and a continuing influx of settlers. With the invention of the Davis Refrigerator Railroad car, The Hammond Packing Company began sending dressed beef to cities all over the country and even to Liverpoole, England. By 1891 the company had one thousand employees and was the largest single dressed beef processing plant in the world.

Among the families who became prominent in the settlement by 1880, were the Hammond, the Hohman, the Sohl, the Weiss, Drackert, Plummer, Towle, Rimbach, Becker, Meyn, Ibach, and many others. The head of these households became influential in the establishment of Garfield Masonic Lodge No. 569.

The eight petitioners from Hammond received permission from the Grand Lodge of Indiana in 1883, to conduct business as Garfield Lodge, "Under Dispensation" with Marcus Towle as Worshipful Master. The first Stated Meeting "Under Dispensation" was held Friday evening January 8, 1883. Their regular and Stated Meetings are still held on Friday.

Garfield Lodge received its Charter as a Regular Lodge from Grand Master Bruce Carr dated May 24, 1884. Wor. Bro. Marcus Towle was elected to continue to serve as Master of the Lodge.

It was also in 1883 that efforts to incorporate Hammond began. On Christmas Day, 1883, however, a devastating fire broke out in the central business district affecting both Hammond and Garfield Lodge. Garfield's first Lodge Room was on the southwest corner of Morton Court and Plummer Avenue (now Willow Court) on the second floor of the two-story frame building in the heart of this downtown business area. The fire broke out in Towle's Butcher Shop, destroying the entire building in which the Butcher Shop, a Drug Store

and Garfield 0Lodge were located.

The Lodge had met here from May 1883 until the fire on Christmas Day of 1883. Clean up efforts after the fire held up the Incorporation of Hammond as a city for several months.
The second home of Garfield Lodge, from Christmas 1883 to 1887, was a small room on the top (4th) floor of "Morton House", later known as the Carlton Hotel. It was built in 1882 on the southeast corner of Plummer Avenue (Willow Court) and Morton Court, across the street from the building that burned and opposite the old Michigan Central Railroad Depot. This building, from 1929 to 1932, was used as refuge for homeless and unemployed men during the depression years and was later razed.

With the completion of the clean up after the fire, incorporation efforts were begun again and the City of Hammond was incorporated on April 21, 1884. Garfield Lodge No. 569, F. & A.M., received its Charter bringing it out from Under Dispensation on May 24, 1884.

Marcus Towle was the first elected Mayor of Hammond and the first elected Worshipful Master of Garfield Lodge in the same year.

Garfield Lodge moved again in late 1887 and from 1888 to 1892 it was housed on the third floor of the wood frame "Central Block Building" located on the southwest corner of Plummer Avenue and Hohman Street. This was their third home and was on the site of the Indiana Hotel. It is easy to confuse the wood frame building that burned on Christmas Day 1883, known as the Commercial Block Building, with the Central Block Building of concrete, brick and stone. The Central Block Building was later renovated and became the Indiana Hotel.

The roof leaked severely in their third home and "Uncle Jake Kasper" placed buckets and pans around the room when it rained. He was also required to haul wood and coal for the single stove on the third floor during most of the year. All this often interfered with the degree work.

The fourth home of Garfield Lodge, 1892-1907 was at 85 State Street. This building was owned by a dentist Dr. T.E. Bell. He had the building constructed specifically to house a Masonic Lodge. However, the Lodge wanted to move closer to the center of activity in the city and purchased land on the northwest corner of Hohman Avenue and Muenich Court. This was a very heavy traffic area and it was decided to sell the corner lot for land a little further west at 47 Muenich Court and build a two story Hammond Masonic Temple. This was the fifth home and was the only Temple owned by Garfield Lodge (1907-1921). Also, in 1919, it became the first home of McKinley Lodge. This building is still in operation behind the new front facade built in 1921. Garfield Lodge, the Hammond York Rite Bodies and the Hammond Chapter, Order of Eastern Star still occupy the 1907 part of the original

building.

In 1921, the Garfield Lodge Building became a part of the new 1921 Temple attached to the west side of their building. The front of the 1907 building was removed and a whole new front attached the old Temple to the new one. The new Temple extended all the way west to Anne Street.

As an Educator in Hammond for over thirty-seven years this writer must make note of the fact that Hammond High School was also was established in 1884. W.C. Belman who had been the North Township Superintendent of Schools, became Hammond's first School Superintendent. He was later made a Mason in Garfield Lodge on May 5, 1901. The original old wood frame, two story Central School was located on the southeast corner of Hohman Avenue and Fayette Street. It was replaced nine years later by a new stone and brick building, and Garfield Lodge participated in the cornerstone laying ceremony on June 23, 1893.

The first Line of Officers of Masonry in Garfield Lodge No. 569 Free and Accepted Masons of Hammond, Indiana were:

Worshipful Master	Marcus M. Towle
Senior Warden	Hiram Hall
Junior Warden	Fred Mott
Treasurer	Alfred Smith
Secretary	Omar Staddard
Senior Deacon	William Gostlin
Junior Deacon	John Keller
Senior Steward	John Grabert
Junior Steward	William Verrill
Tyler	David Nason

This was the beginning of Masonry in Hammond. By 1918, the time of the First World War, membership had grown extensively, and there was almost too much work for the members of one Masonic Lodge.

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THE HISTORY OF McKINLEY LODGE NO. 712, F.& A. M., OF HAMMOND AND LATER, OF SCHERERVILLE, INDIANA

THE NEED

Following World War One, interest in the Masonic Fraternity in Hammond, Indiana increased to the extent that the officers and members

of Garfield Lodge No.569, F.& A.M. of Hammond concluded that a second Masonic Lodge in Hammond was a necessity.

After several informal meetings, much talk, and a great deal of research undertaken by Worshipful Brother George O. Mallett of Garfield Lodge, the planted seed began to grow with a speed unmatched in Masonic circles. During a recess of a called meeting of Garfield Lodge on Saturday, March 1, 1919, Merritt D. Metz, on advice from the Worshipful Master, persuaded eleven other Brothers present to meet with him on Monday, March 3, 1919 to draw up a Petition for another Masonic Lodge in Hammond.

They also set up a meeting for Wednesday, March 5, 1919, in the Garfield Lodge Room for any and all Brothers interested enough in forming a new Lodge. They were to be prepared to sign a petition for such a Lodge. The petition was yet to be written, but on Monday, March 3, 1919, twelve Brothers wrote a petition for a new Lodge, dated it March 3, 1919, and were the first to sign it in preparation for the coming March 5, 1919 meeting.

On Wednesday, March 5, 1919 over ninety Brothers appeared for the informal meeting in Garfield's Lodge Room. Wor.Bro.George O. Mallet, a Past Master of Garfield Lodge, opened the discussion, and a secretary, Bro. Elhanan W. Miles, was appointed to keep a record of the proceedings. (The Petition and the names of the signatories appear a little further on in this account.)

It was determined that the Petition would be presented the following Friday evening, March 7, 1919 at the Stated Meeting of Garfield Lodge No. 569, F.& A.M., for action on approval.

The minutes of that March 7, 1919 meeting show under "Miscellaneous Business," that a "Petition for Dispensation to Organize a New Masonic Lodge at Hammond, Indiana" initially read as follows:

THE PETITION

"To The Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Indiana.

The undersigned petitioners, being Master Masons in good standing and residents of the State of Indiana, having the prosperity of Free Masonry at heart, are desirous of organizing a new lodge in the City of Hammond, County of Lake, and State of Indiana to be called McKinley Lodge.

We therefore pray for a dispensation empowering us to open and hold a Regular Lodge of Master Masons at the place aforesaid, and therein to discharge the duties and enjoy the privileges of Freemasonry in a regular and constitutional manner.

We nominate and recommend Brother Merritt David Metz to be appointed Worshipful Master; Brother Harry William Margenau, Senior Warden; and Brother Charles John Kennedy, Junior Warden of said Lodge.

Should the prayer of this petition be granted, we promise a strict conformity to the Constitution, General Regulations and Edicts of the Grand Lodge.

The jurisdiction of Garfield Lodge No. 569, F.& A.M., already located at Hammond, will be affected by the organization of the proposed new Lodge."

The following signed petitioners are Brothers in good standing:

Merritt David Metz,	Garfield 569	Hammond, Indiana
Harry William Margenau,	Garfield 569	Hammond, Indiana
John Charles Kennedy,	Garfield 569	Hammond, Indiana
William Maurice O'Brien,	Ellsworth 505	Cleveland, Ohio
William Eugene Startsman,	Brainerd 336	Freemont, Ohio
Arthur H. Klug,	Garfield 569	Hammond, Indiana
James E. Wholf,	Garfield 569	Hammond, Indiana
Lyle C. Eyer,	Bloomington 43	Bloomington, IL.
Roy Tweedle,	Garfield 569	Hammond, Indiana
Dan J. Brown,	Garfield 569	Hammond, Indiana
Boye D. Schrum	Garfield 569	Hammond, Indiana
McCormack C. McPherson	Olive Branch 38	Danville, Il.

(NOTE) The other eighty-five petitioners are not listed in the minutes of the Garfield Stated Meeting that evening of March 7, 1919 but are listed later in this volume as Charter Members.

"It was moved and seconded by Wor. Bros. George O. Mallett and Harry E. Scharrer that the following resolution be adopted."

"Resolved, That this Lodge being satisfied that the petitioners are Master Masons in good standing, and being prepared to vouch for their moral character and Masonic Qualifications, does therefore recommend that the Dispensation, prayed for, be granted."

"Said resolution was unanimously adopted and the Secretary instructed to forward a copy of same to the Grand Master."

ERNEST S. TILLAM, W.M. Attest: GEORGE O. MALLETT, Secretary

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A slight discrepancy in dates was discovered by this writer between the dates in the account written by Wor. Bro. Lamb and the recent review of the minutes of the meeting. After examining the Book of Minutes of Garfield Lodge relative to all of the meetings of the Lodge in March, 1919, this author has corrected the unintentional error made by Wor. Bro. Lamb in his History of McKinley Lodge.

It was after Garfield's Stated Meeting of March 7, 1919 that the petition for Dispensation was mailed to M.W. Grand Master, Thomas B. Bohom via the Grand Secretary Calvin W. Prather.

The following is taken from a hand written account in the McKinley book of minutes as the very first entry, and precedes the formation of the Lodge and any official business of McKinley Lodge although it is found in the official Book of Minutes of McKinley Lodge. It is dated March 5, 1919. There is no record of this informal meeting in the Garfield Lodge Book of minutes either. The account is as follows:

"Hammond, Indiana - March 5, 1919"

"On this evening the following members of Garfield Lodge, F & A.M., as well as of many other Lodges, met in the Masonic Temple (Garfield Lodge) at Hammond, Indiana in an informal manner:

George O. Mallett, Willis R. Ford, Earnest S. Tillman, Merritt D.Metz, Harry Marganau, John Kennedy, William O'Brien, William E. Startsman, Will E. Osborn, Frank Morris, Theodore Moor, John W. Morthland, Jacob Kasper, John Kasper and Jos Kasper.

Brother George Mallett opened the discussion by relating the now heavy membership of Garfield Lodge, the large number of Masons residing in Hammond who were not affiliated in Garfield, as well as the need of another Lodge to afford outlet for Masonic expression in this city. A general round table discussion ensued, and it was the unanimous opinion of those present that the formation of a new Lodge of Masons would be desirable.

The subject of the official personnel of the new Lodge was discussed, after which it was decided to ask the following brethren to petition for the organization of the proposed new Lodge and to fill the chairs under Dispensation as follows: Merritt D. Metz, as Worshipful Master; Harry W. Marganau, as S.W.; John C. Kennedy, as J.W.; William M. O'Brien, as S.D.; Wm. E. Startsman, as J.D; Arthur H. Klug, as S.S.; and Jas. E. Whoef, as J.S.

A petition was then drawn to be circulated among the brethren, praying the Grand Master to issue a Dispensation for the organization of a new Lodge.

A discussion as to a suitable name for the new Lodge then took place. The

names of Washington Lodge, McKinley Lodge, Roosevelt Lodge, Hammond Lodge, Progress Lodge, and New Era Lodge were suggested, and finally the name McKinley Lodge was decided upon as a fitting tribute to the exemplary Masonic Character of our Martyred President as well as the splendid Christian character so fittingly displayed in his life.

On the following Friday evening, March 7, 1919, the petition bearing the afore mentioned names was laid before Garfield Lodge with request for the approval of the Lodge.

Approval was unanimously given by Garfield Lodge in the following resolution.

"At a stated meeting of Garfield Lodge # 569 F. & A.M. held at the hall of said Lodge on the seventh day of March, 1919, the petition of the several brethren praying for a Dispensation to organize a new Lodge at Hammond, in the County of Lake, and State of Indiana was laid before said Lodge when it was:

Resolved, that this Lodge, being satisfied that the petitioners are Master Masons in good standing, and being prepared to vouch for their moral & Masonic qualifications, does therefore recommend that the Dispensation prayed for be granted."

"The petition for Dispensation was thereupon circulated, and on March 18, 1919, the same was sent to the Grand Secretary, Calvin W. Prather, at Indianapolis, Indiana."

(As stated earlier, the names of the eighty-five petitioners are listed later in this history as "Charter Members of McKinley Lodge".) There are ninety-four names listed in the record book but the names and Lodges of the following nine are crossed off with a red line having been drawn through them. Their names and numbers in sequence on the petition are as follows: Boye D. Schrum, No.11; Fred W. Miller, No. 50; Ray F. Holley, No. 53; Alfred E. Hays, No. 54; Carl A. Smiley, No. 60; Albert M. McCoy, No. 61; J.C. Shillinglaw, No. 71; J.H. Kirkwood, No. 89; Robert F.Foley, No. 91.

This author does not know the reason the above names were crossed out with a red line but assumes they had second thoughts about transferring from their original home Lodge.

The Grand Lodge Proceedings of the Grand Communication in 1919 makes reference to a Petition being received on March 18, 1919 for a new Lodge in Hammond, but says there were seventy-one petitioners listed. The Grand Lodge was unable to furnish this writer with a copy of the original Petition.
The original hand written account in the McKinley records book continues with the following:

"The Grand Master Thomas B. Bohon appointed Past Grand Master, Lincoln V. Cravens of Hammond, Indiana as his special deputy, to investigate and report on the advisability of forming a new Lodge, and as a result of his favorable report two days later, the following Dispensation was issued under the seal of the Grand Lodge and dated March 20, 1919."

Try to get something like that done in two days in this day and age!

THE DISPENSATION AS RECEIVED FROM GRAND MASTER THOMAS E. BOHON

Faith, Hope, and Charity

To All To Whom These Present Shall Come, Greetings:

Whereas, It has been represented to us that Hammond, County of Lake, and State of Indiana, there reside a number of Free and Accepted Masons who are desirous of associating together agreeably to the Constitution of Ancient Masonry; and it appearing for the Promotion of the Royal Art, necessary and proper that the said Brethren should be entitled to work together as a Regular Lodge of Masons;

Therefore, I, Thomas B. Bahon, Grand Master of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons in the State of Indiana, by and with the consent of the Grand Lodge, testified by their Rules and Regulations, do hereby constitute and appoint Worshipful Merritt D. Metz, Master; Harry William Margenau, Senior Warden; and John Charles Kennedy, Junior Warden; Together with all such Brethren as are now, or may hereafter become members, A Regular Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons by Dispensation, by the title of McKinley Lodge, U.D., and do hereby ordain that all Regular Lodges respect them as such; hereby granting them full power to assemble and work together as a Regular Lodge; to Receive and Enter Apprentices, Pass Fellow Crafts, and Raise Masters, according to the known and established custom of Ancient Masonry, and not otherwise. Also, to exact from their members such contributions as they judge necessary for the support of the Lodge, relief of Brethren in distress, together with such contributions toward the Grand Charity Fund as required by the Constitution of Masonry and the laws of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, commending the aforesaid Brethren to reverence and obey their superiors in all things lawful and honest, as becomes the honor and harmony of Masonry.

To record in their Lodge Book this present Dispensation, their own private regulations, and their whole acts and proceedings, from time to time as they shall occur; and by no means to desert their said Lodge hereby instituted, or form themselves into separate meetings without the consent of the said

Worshipful Master and Wardens; and are not to cease from their workings as a Lodge, until ordered to do so by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, for the time being.

And I do enjoin and command the aforesaid Brethren to make our return of this Dispensation, a copy of their private regulations to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Indiana, at the Office of the Grand Secretary on the 15th day of May, 1919, at which time this Dispensation expires by operation of law and work thereafter is forbidden; All of which, by their acceptance hereof, acknowledge the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge and Grand Master as their superiors, and promise to pay due regard to such instructions as they shall hereafter receive from them.

For the more effectual preservation of these presents, the same is hereby ordered to be recorded in the Record Book of the Lodge.

Given under the hand of Thomas B. Bohon, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Indiana, and the seal of said Grand Lodge, this 20th Day of March, Anno Domini 1919, Anno Lucis, 5919.

Signed, Thomas B. Bohon, Grand Master
Attested: Calvin W. Prather, Grand Secretary

On receipt of the Dispensation, the Worshipful Master, Merritt D. Metz, issued a call for a special meeting for Friday, March 28, 1919.

Signed, E.W. Miles, Secretary

All of the above constitutes the first entry in the McKinley Book of Record. (The Grand Lodge could not secure a copy of the original Dispensation for this writer.)

It must be mentioned here that the First Worshipful Master of McKinley Lodge, Merritt D. Metz was the Senior Warden of Garfield Lodge prior to his temporary appointment by the Grand Master and later election by the members of McKinley Lodge.

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McKINLEY LODGE, UNDER DISPENSATION

March, 1919

Garfield Lodge No. 569 F. & A.M. minutes also acknowledge the letter. In a letter to Garfield Lodge from the Most Worshipful from Grand Master, Thomas B. Bohon, of the Grand Lodge of Indiana dated March 20, 1919, the requested Dispensation was granted to the petitioners. Bro. Merritt D. Metz was named

Worshipful Master; Bro. Harry W. Margenau as Senior Warden; and Bro. John C. Kennedy, Junior Warden.

The first meeting of McKinley Lodge, Under Dispensation, was opened at 7:30 P.M. March 28, 1919 on the Master Mason Degree in Garfield's Lodge Room. Officers other than those named in the Dispensation were:

John C. Agnew, Treas.	**A.H. Klug, S.S**
E.W. Miles, Sec.	**J.E. Wholf, J.S.**
William M. O'Brien, S.D.	**E.J. Harrison, Tyler**
William E. Startsman, J.D.	**C.B. Brundson, Organist**

After presenting and reading the Dispensation followed by a few remarks, and the passage of proposed by-laws, the Lodge was Closed in Form on the Master Masons Degree and the Officers were invited to confer the Fellowcraft Degree on a group of Garfield Candidates. The offer was accepted.

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The following excerpt from the minutes of Garfield Lodge confirm the very first meeting by McKinley Lodge, Under Dispensation, occurred on March 28, 1919. The meeting was closed, and the officers then attended Garfield Lodge where they, as Officers of McKinley Lodge, Under Dispensation, conferred the Fellowcraft Degree on the candidates of Garfield Lodge No. 569, F.& A.M., in Garfield Lodge room in Hammond, Indiana.

"Minutes of the Regular Called Meeting of Garfield Lodge No.569, F. & A.M., at Hammond, Indiana on March 28, 1919, A.L. 5919."

"The Lodge met Friday Evening at nine o'clock and was opened in form on the Fellow Craft Degree with the following Officers present:

Ernest S. Tillman, W.M
William E. Osborne, S.W.
John W. Morthland, J.W.
Theodore Moor, Treas.
George O. Mallet, Sec.
Hans J. Derner, as S.D.
Fred J. Fuermeyer, J.D.
Jacob H. Kasper, Tyler

and with members and visitors as per register."

"The Petitioners of March 7, 1919, asking for a Dispensation to open a new Lodge, having received their Dispensation from the Grand

Master, McKinley Lodge had been regularly and formally opened earlier in the evening. They had transacted some preliminary business and then closed and the Officers were invited to attend the meeting of Garfield Lodge and confer the Fellowcraft Degree on our waiting candidates."

The Senior Deacon retired and escorted the following Officers of McKinley Lodge into the room and they assumed the various stations as follows:

Merritt D. Metz, W.M.(Raised in Porter No.137, Valparaiso, IN) Brother Merritt Metz Affiliated with Garfield No. 569, Harry W. Margenau, S.W. formerly of Garfield No. 569, John C. Kennedy, J.W. formerly of Garfield No. 569,
John C. Agnew, Treas. formerly of Garfield No. 569
Ehlanan W. Miles, Sec. " " Garfield No. 569
William M. O'Brien, S.D. of Ellsworth 505, Cleveland, OH
William E. Startsman,J.D. formerly of Brainard 336, Freemont, OH
Arthur H. Klug, S.S. formerly of Garfield No. 569
James E. Wholf, J.S. formerly of Garfield No. 569

The Fellowcraft Degree was conferred on Brothers:
Clyde Meno Stutsman
Harry Cooper Wanner
Cecil Douglas Bourne
Fred Charles Scheer
Ross Longworth Dovey
Roy Purcell Wilson
Frank Haras Tramaine

who have been regularly initiated as an Entered Apprentice and being in waiting were received and passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft in due and ancient form after which ceremony, the Charge and Lecture of the Degree were given in full."

The Officers of Garfield Lodge then assumed their offices and the Lodge was closed in form on the Fellowcraft Degree.

Ernest S. Tillman, W.M.
Attest: George O. Mallett, Sec.

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At the first Stated Meeting of McKinley Lodge, U.D., held on April 2, 1919, petitions for initiation were received from the following twelve in the order listed:

1. Floyd Rufus Murray
2. Benjamin H. Strong
3. Walter F. Bielefeld
7. Segwal Bernhart Thorsen
8. John Raymond Parker
9. Ernest Percy McIntyre

4. Harry Broertjes
5. Joseph Fisher Moyer
6. Anton Herman Tapper
10. John William Minsker
11. Abe Arkin
12. William Thomas Carter

Years later, attorney Floyd Rufus Murray, the first man to petition McKinley Lodge, was acting as a volunteer to assist Hammond High track coach, William Easton, and later coach "Whitey" Wonzowitz and spent many hours coaching this author to run a mile in what was then excellent time in the Lake County Sectional held at the East Chicago Roosevelt High School in 1940. His kindness and encouragement will never be forgotten.

The first item of business after receiving the Dispensation was the election on March 28, 1919 of Brother Jacob H. Kasper, known as "Uncle Jake" of Garfield Lodge to Honorary Membership in McKinley Lodge because of "Long and Faithful Service in Masonic Circles."

The second Stated Meeting of McKinley Lodge was held on April 26, 1919 and petitions for initiation were received from the following ten:

David Robertson Kelley
Terry Blaine Morse
Samueld E. Davis
Charles Miller
Charles Ernest Thompson
Sam Gubitz
Jack Albert Reader
Isidore I. Modjeska
Hugo V. Webb
Louis Spreitzer

The third Stated Meeting was held on May 7, 1919 and petitions were received from the following:

Coman Scott
Wesley Conrad Wagenblast
Dana Taylor
Joseph Edward Woods
Arthur Arras Snodgrass

The following were elected that night, to receive the Degrees of Masonry:
Floyd Rufus Murray
Benjamin H. Strong
Walter F. Bielefeld
Harry Broertjes
John Raymond Parker
Ernest Percy McIntyre
John William Minsker

The Lodge was then closed on the Master Mason Degree and opened in form on the Entered Apprentice Degree. The Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred on the following candidates:

Walter F. Bielefeld, Harry Broertjes, and Benjamin H. Strong

At a called meeting on May 10, 1919 the Fellowcraft Degree was conferred on the same three candidates listed above.

At a called meeting on May 20, 1919 the Master Mason Degree was conferred on Bro.Benjamin H. Strong, the second candidate to petition but the first to be Raised in McKinley Lodge No. 712 F. & A.M. of Hammond, Indiana. These were all the Degrees conferred by McKinley Lodge, Under Dispensation.

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McKINLEY LODGE NO. 712, F.& A.M. OF HAMMOND, INDIANA

At the Stated Meeting held on June 18, 1919 at 7:30 P.M., Wor.Brother Joseph G. Ibach, Past Master of Garfield Lodge, took the chair and announced that the Brethren had been called together to Constitute McKinley Lodge No. 712, F. & A.M. Brother Ibach delivered the Charter to the Secretary and ordered that it be read. The Charter bears the date of May 27, 1919 and the signatures of:

Thomas B. Bohon, Grand Master
Charles J. Obian, Deputy Grand Master
R. H. Sweitzer, Senior Grand Warden
Omar B. Smith, Junior Grand Warden

Attest; Calvin W. Prathers, Grand Secretary

The first Officers of McKinley Lodge No. 712 F.& A.M., then installed by Brother Ibach were:

Merritt D. Metz, W.M.	William M. O'Brien, S.D.
Harry W. Margenau, S.W.	William E. Startsman, J.D.
John C. Kennedy, J.W.	Arthur H. Klug, S.S.
John C. Agnew, Treas.	James E. Wholf, J.S.
Elhanan W. Miles, Sec'y.	Clarence E. Dewey, Tyler

In an effort to enlighten the readers of the great significance of the words in the Charter, this author takes the liberty of copying the entire record of the meeting held on June 18, 1919.

McKinley Lodge F. & A.M., June 18, 1919

STATED MEETING

"Bro. Joseph G. Ibach, PGM, took the Chair and calls the meeting to order. Orders the Lodge purged of all but Master Masons. He then announces that the Brethren had been called together to constitute McKinley Lodge No. 712, F. & A.M., and orders all officers to take their stations. After which he delivers the Charter to the Secretary and instructs him to read it."

THE ORIGINAL CHARTER READS AS FOLLOWS:

FAITH, HOPE, AND CHARITY

To All Whom It May Concern:

The Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana, of Free and Accepted Ancient York Masons, Established at Madison, Indiana in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighteen and of the Masonry Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighteen, according to the Ancient Constitutions, invested with full and sole power and authority over all the ancient Craft of Master Masons, and the Supreme Court of Appeal in all Masonic cases arising under its jurisdiction agreeably to ancient form and usage, being assembled in hand communication at Indianapolis, and State aforesaid, send Greetings: Know ye that we, The Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana, By virtue of the powers and authorities duly vested in us as aforesaid, do hereby constitute, authorize, and empower our trusty and beloved Worshipful Brother Merritt D. Metz, Master; Harry W. Margenau, Senior Warden; and John C. Kennedy, Junior Warden, together with all such Brethren as now are, or may at anytime hereafter become members, to open and hold a just, true, regular and warranted Lodge of Free and Accepted Ancient York Masons in the City of Hammond and State of Indiana to be called McKinley Lodge No. 712, and further do appoint and ordain all Regular Lodges of Free and Accepted Ancient York Masons, to respect them as such. Hereby granting them and their successors full power to assemble and work together as a Regular Lodge, and to Enter, Receive and Make Apprentices, pass Fellow Crafts, and Raise Master Masons, agreeable to the most ancient custom and usage of the Craft in all ages and nations throughout the world, and not otherwise: And also to elect and choose Master, Wardens, and other officers yearly, at the stated meeting preceding the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, and also to exact from their members such contributions as they shall judge necessary for the support of their Lodge, the support of their Brethren in distress, and the contribution for the Grand Charity Fund, agreeable to the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Lodge of Indiana:

And the said worshipful Merritt D. Metz, Master; Harry W. Margenau, Senior Warden; and John C. Kennedy, Junior Warden, to install their successors, after being duly elected and chosen, to invest them with all the powers and dignities which to their offices respectfully belong, and deliver to them this warrant. And their successors shall, in like manner from time to time, install their successors and proceed in the premises above directed during the continuance of the said Lodge forever. Commanding the members of said Lodge to reverence and obey their superiors in all things lawful and honest, as becomes the honor and harmony of Masons, and to record in their Lodge

Book this present Charter, together with their own private Regulations and By-Laws, and their whole acts and proceedings from time to time, as they may occur, and by no means desert their said Lodge hereby constituted, or form themselves into separate assemblies without the consent and approbation of their Master and Wardens for the time being.

And we do further authorize and empower the said Lodge to hear and determine all matters and things relative to the Craft within the jurisdiction of said Lodge, reserving to the members, in all cases, a right to appeal to this Grand Lodge. And the Brethren aforesaid, by accepting hereof acknowledge The Grand Lodge of Indiana as their superior, and shall pay due regard and obedience to all the ordinances thereof, as also to such instructions and recommendations as they have or shall receive from the Most Worshipful Grand Master; and they are also hereby required to correspond with the Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana, and to attend the meetings thereof by their officers, proxies, or deputies duly authorized under the signature of Secretary and Seal of the Lodge, given in open Grand Lodge, under the hands of our Most Worshipful Grand Officers, and the seal of our Grand Lodge at Indianapolis, this 27th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand, nine hundred, and nineteen, and of Masonry five thousand, nine hundred, and nineteen." (Signed)

Thomas B. Bohan	Grand Master
Charles J. Obian	Deputy Grand Master
R. H. Schweitzer	Senior Grand Warden
Omar B. Smith	Junior Grand Warden

Seal of Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana.
Attested: Alvin W. Prather ..... Grand Secretary

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Wor.Brother, the Honorable Judge Joseph G. Ibach, then instructed petitioners to accept the Charter by a rising vote. He then ordered the election of a Secretary and Treasurer. Ballots were then spread and Bro. John C. Agnew was elected Treasurer and Bro. Elhanan W. Mills, Secretary.

Bro. Jacob H. Kasper, as Marshal, was then ordered to present the following officers who were duly installed by Wor. Bro. Ibach.

Bro. Merritt D. Metz	Worshipful Master
Bro. Harry W. Margenau	Senior Warden
Bro. John C. Kennedy	Junior Warden
Bro. William M. O'Brien	Senior Deacon
Bro. William E. Startsman	Junior Deacon
Bro. John C. Agnew	Treasurer
Bro. Elhanan W. Mills	Secretary

Bro. Arthur H. Klug	Senior Steward
Bro. James E. Wholf	Junior Steward
Bro. Clarence E. Dewey	Tyler

McKinley Lodge No. 712 F. & A.M. was now officially constituted by The Honorable Judge Joseph G. Ibach, 32nd Degree, a Past Grand Commander of Indiana and a Hammond resident, who was acting on behalf of the Grand Master of Masons in Indiana.

The Charter Members, who were also original Petitioners of McKinley Lodge mentioned earlier were as follows:

1. Merritt D. Metz	Garfield 569	Hammond, IN
2. Harry W. Margenau	Garfield 569	Hammond, IN
3. John Charles Kennedy	Garfield 569	Hammond, IN
4. William Maurice O'Brien	Ellsworth 505	Cleveland, OH
5. William Eugene Startsman	Brainerd 336	Freemont, OH
6. Arthur H. Klug	Garfield 569	Hammond, IN
7. James E. Wholf	Garfield 569	Hammond, IN
8. Lyle C. Eyer	Bloomington 43	Bloomington,IL
9. Roy Tweedle	Garfield 569	Hammond, IN
10. Dan J. Brown	Garfield 569	Hammond, IN
11. McCormack C. McPherson	Olive Branch 38	Danville, IL
12. Homer J. Postlewaite	Garfield 569	Hammond, IN
13. Donald W. Metz	Garfield 569	Hammond, IN
14. Arthur R. See	Kinmundy 398	Kinmundy, IL
15. William S. Skinner	Garfield 569	Hammond, IN
16. Grover C. Fredley	Garfield 569	Hammond, IN
17. Harry M. Skinner	Garfield 569	Hammond, IN
18. Frank Greatbatch	Acacia 61	Hamilton, ONT
19. Edgar M. Wilcox	Collinwood 582	Cleveland, OH
20. Joseph Thomas Otto	Olive Branch 38	Danville, IL
21. Carl Edward Hinchman	Euclid 599	Cleveland, OH
22. John Ray Stafford	Mystic Star 758	Chicago, IL
23. Erik Erikson	Thatcher 439	Cleveland, OH
24. Benjamin F. Fairchild	Englewood 690	Chicago, IL
25. Otto Gersbach	Golden Rule 726	Chicago, IL
26. John W. Smith	Clinton 54	Frankfort, IN
27. Levi Morgan Smith	Park Manor 899	Chicago, IL
28. Clarendon L. Kinsey	Golden Rule 726	Chicago, IL
29. Chauncey L. Burges	Mishawaka 130	Mishawaka, IN
30. Elhanan W. Miles	Syracuse 454	Syracuse, IN
31. Clarence E. Dewey	McClelland 357	Hobart, IN
32. Glenn D. Peters	Knox 639	Knox, IN
33. Edward J. Harrison	Portage 675	South Bend, IN
34. Charles T. Kimbrough	Newton 196	Kentland, IN
35. Curtis Cleveland	Garfield 569	Hammond, IN

36. Harry R. Gerber	Boulevard 882	Chicago, IL
37. Herman J. Holtz	Garfield 569	Hammond, IN
38. C. G. Miller	Garfield 569	Hammond, IN
39. William C. Rose	Garfield 569	Hammond, IN
40. William F. Bridge	Garfield 569	Hammond, IN
41. John C. Agnew	Lake 157	Crown Point, IN
42. G. Roscoe Hemstock	Garfield 569	Hammond, IN
43. Clyde Cleveland	Garfield 569	Hammond, IN
44. C. Bonner Tinkham	Garfield 569	Hammond, IN
45. Laurence M. Hargis	Olive Branch 38	Danville, IL
46. Edwin H. Friedrich	Temple 47	Greencastle, IN
47. Wilford S. Trueblood	Syracuse 454	Syracuse, IN
48. Bert Lightcap	North Judson 438	No. Judson, IN
49. William F. Nagel	Forrest City 388	Cleveland, OH
50. Oliver M. Capps	Mount Joliet 42	Joliet, IL
51. Rotal L. Hays	Olive Branch 38	Danville, IL
52. Conrad E. Rynes	Golden Rule 526	Willard, OH
53. Clayton E. Eames	Gothic 852	E.St.Louis, IL
54. George W. Taylor	Mongtomery 258	St. Paul, MN
55. Berton J. Steelman	Social 86	Terre Haute, IN
56. Grant Bellamy	Colfax 378	Lowell, IN
57. Edward S. Bates	Samaritan 105	Marion, IN
58. August B. Fromm	Kankakee 389	Kankakee, IL
59. Luther L. Rutherford	Claypool 13	Ft. Madison, IO
60. William F. Stuart	Garfield 569	Hammond, IN
61. C. S. Kennard	Kewanna 546	Kewanna, IN
62. J. E. Leech	East Chi. 595	East Chicago,IN
63. Jesse M. Fuller	Garfield 569	Hammond, IN
64. James H. Scott	Masterson 429	Masterson, OH
65. Frank E. Stolte	King David 179	Ellmore, MN
66. Harry W. Eastwood	Harbor 731	Chicago, IL
67. A. M. Woodall	Hancock 101	Greenfield, IN
68. William Mettler	Garfield 569	Hammond, IN
69. Raymond L. King	Hope 20	Washington,D.C.
70. H. M. Von Osinski	Porter 137	Valparaiso, IN
71. Peter Thomson	Tiffin 77	Tiffin, OH
72. William Hemmingway	Meridian 411	Evan Valley, PA
73. Robert L. Wood	Cushing 111	Cushing, OK
74. Wiley Logan McFall	Lostant 870	Lostant, IL
75. Carl Houser	Yondota 572	Toledo, OH
76. Ray Elder	Knox 639	Knox, IN
77. Thomas Harlon	Cayuga 584	Cayuga, IN
78. John D. Smalley	North Judson 438	No.Judson, IN
79. John C. Parrett (P.M.)	Rennselaer 125	Rennselaer, IN
80. John T. Ridenour	Sidney 579	Sidney, IN
81. Ora E. Hartz	Ionic 380	Wollcottville,IN
82. Walter E. Eggert	St. Joseph 45	So. Bend, IN

83. Henry Mueller	Garfield 569	Hammond, IN
84. James M. Ryron	Whiting 613	Whiting, IN
85. Harry D. Armstrong	Huron 26	Huron S.D. *

(NOTE) On a program printed in 1924 for the fifth anniversay celebration, the names of Isidore I. Cohen and Otto J. Janachek are listed with the above names as Charter Members. This writer did not find their names listed as Charter Members in the 1919 Minutes of McKinley or Garfield Lodges.

* McKinley record shows "Huron, South Dakota"; however, later investigation indicates that this Lodge was located at Wausau, Wisconsin.

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A report with slides showing the progress made concerning construction of the Masonic Home at Franklin was given at the Stated Meeting of July 2, 1919 by Worshipful Master Merritt D. Metz, and contributions were encouraged.

On September 3, 1919 the Worshipful Master announced the resignation of William E. Startsman from the office of Junior Deacon and the following appointments were made:

Arthur H. Klug	Junior Deacon
James E. Wholf	Senior Steward
Arthur R. See	Junior Steward

The Lodge voted on September 17, 1919 to support the Masonic Building Association in the construction of a new building. It was to be an addition attached to Garfield Lodge on the west side and have a separate McKinley Lodge Room and a host of outstanding new facilities. The following article appeared in the Lake County Times July 25, 1919.

VALUABLE PROPERTY PURCHASED

"Another deal was closed at one o'clock today by the Directors of the Masonic Building Association of Hammond, which makes absolutely sure another mammoth building project in the series which will make 1919 memorable in the history of Hammond.

Doctor H.E. Sharrer, W.F. Howat, and C.E. Bauer have purchased the tract adjoining the present Masonic Temple for the Association, 200 x 110 feet for $25,000.00 from Gus Muenich, M.P. Ludwig, and C. Anderson. Upon this lot will be built this year, a Masonic Temple. Its main features will be a Shrine Mosque with an auditorium seating over 2,300 with a view of a stage forty feet deep. It is entirely unobstructed by post or pillar. Both Garfield and McKinley Lodges will be housed in the building as well as affiliated bodies."

"When complete, the Temple will have no peer in the State. The entire property will represent an investment of nearly one-half million dollars. Three of Hammond's most prominent men have already taken $25,000.00 of stock apiece in the edifice. The new auditorium will give Hammond a building with a bigger seating capacity than any building in this corner of the State."

The structure was to front 184 feet on Muenich Court and 218 feet on Anne Street, according to the original plans, which included ornate glasswork, stone, multiple entrances, and a swimming pool together with bowling lanes in the basement.

These plans were drawn by architect Brother Joseph Hutton, a member of Garfield Lodge, a Past Commander of Hammond Commandery 41 in 1906 and the architect of the Superior Court House and the Post Office in Hammond as well as many of the Hammond Schools. The plans were revised to reduce the cost of the structure. The night of May 20, 1920 the Masonic Building Association sponsored a dinner where over $140,000.00 in subscriptions from the 1000 Masons attending was raised for the building.

Every citizen in the community was given the opportunity to become a shareholder in the "Corporation" as it was called though it was really run by the Masonic Building Association of Hammond. This arrangement, while well intended, later led to misunderstandings and difficulties among the Brethren.

Returning to the events of 1919, Most Worshipful Brother Charles J. Orbison, Grand Master, visited McKinley Lodge and gave an interesting address on the subject of "Masonic Ideals" on December 17, 1919.

During 1919, McKinley Lodge initiated 62, passed 43, and Raised the following listed 40 Master Masons:

Walter F. Beilefeld	Elias S. Jones	Harry Broertjes
Davis R. Kelley	William F. Carter	Charles J. Kaufman
Samuel E. Davis	Joseph F. Moyer	Vernon W. DuFrain
John W. Minsker	Harry F. Derner	Terry B. Morse
Roland F. Fox	Charles Miller	Clarence F. Fox
Isidore I. Modjeska	Edward A. Jordan	Wilbert E. Marlott
Albert M. Monnett	Arthur A. Snodgrass	Ernest P. McIntyre
Sigwal B. Thorsen	Arthur P. McConnell	George A. Neal
Wesley C. Wagenblast	Jay T. Osler	Joseph E. Woods
John R. Parker	Marvin E. Wilcox	Jack A. Reader
John C. Weber	Benjamin H. Strong	Guy C. White
Louis Spraitser	Marion Westbay	Coman Scott
Cecil W. Cassaday		

In addition to the Charter Members listed above, Isidore I. Cohen and Otto J.

Janachek affiliated during 1919 by demit.

***** 1920 *****

At a joint meeting with Garfield Lodge, held on January 2, 1920 for the purpose of installing officers, the following were installed to serve McKinley Lodge for the year 1920:

W.M. Harry W. Margenau	S.D. Arthur H. Klug
S.W. John C. Kennedy	J.D. Arthur R. See
J.W. William M. O'Brien	S.S. Frank Greatbatch
Treas. John C. Agnew	J.S. Wilford S. Trueblood
Sec'y. Elhanan W. Miles	Tyler Clarence E. Dewey

Organist Fred G. Middleton

A called Meeting was held on January 5, 1920, at which time Herbert A. Graham, The Grand Lecturer, observed the work on the Master Mason Degree. His comments on the work done included many valuable suggestions.

Senior Deacon Arthur H. Klug presented his resignation from the office of Senior Deacon at the Stated Meeting on January 21, 1920 because of a work transfer. The resignation was accepted.

An interesting item should be reported concerning the meeting of January 31, 1920. All the "Old Timers" will recall that the "Production Line" was not really the brainchild of the Automobile Industry but rather that of McKinley Lodge except in the following specific situation. At a certain point in the Degree being conferred on that date on Bro. Charles A. Bounds, he found himself "In the rubbish of the Temple" for several hours while the Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment. The oversight was of course discovered in due course. Bro. Bounds never forgot it though.

One of the highlights in the young life of this author was when Charles A. Bounds, who had been left in the rubbish of the Temple while receiving his Master Mason Degree in 1920, years later, in 1936, conferred the "Bounds Award" on this author, a seventh grade student at Wallace Elementary School, for "Scholarship and Athletics".

The son of Wor.Bro. Charles Bounds, also Charles Bounds, along with a fellow student, Donald Schulte, was killed in an auto accident while students at Northwestern University. They were good friends all through Hammond High School. The award was given at Wallace School in memory of his son who had attended Wallace as a student in the elementary grades. This writer has always appreciated Wor.Bro. Bounds and the medal he presented this writer.

In 1962, as High Priest of Hammond Chapter # 117 R.A.M., this writer had the distinct privilege of presenting to Wor. Bro. Charles A. Bounds, the Chapter's award of Gold for his fifty years as a Royal Arch Mason. On that occasion this writer reminded Bro. Bounds of the importance placed on his award to this writer many years ago. His remembrance of the event, and naturally, of the loss of his son brought tears to his eyes that this presenter had not anticipated. It was a very touching moment.

Lodge members who feel that "Balloting on Petitions" consumes a lot of time should have been present in the Stated Meeting of February 4, 1920 when 11 new petitions were read, 31 petitioners were elected and three rejected. That was a busy night.

Saturday, February 28, 1920, seventeen Entered Apprentice Degrees were conferred. On March 13, 1920 the Fellowcraft Degree was conferred on a group of 31, and on March 20, 1920, 21 Master Masons were raised by McKinley Lodge. Some who were raised in the afternoon were put to work in the Craft in the evening. That was a long and busy Saturday. To this day the secret of how they accomplished all this work in one day has not been disclosed.

They were renting Garfield's Lodge Room and paying $75.00 per month is the only explanation this author was able to discover. They really had a mass production line going.

McKinley Lodge, being able to turn out such enormous quantities of work and no candidate missed anything - became the envy of others, and a Deputy Grand Master came over from Illinois to see how it was done. Worshipful Master Margenau, not wishing to let others have the benefit of McKinley's wonderful efficiency, reverted to the "Old Style", and after a nice nap on the sidelines, the Illinois Deputy decided that since he was not going to learn anything took off for home.

After Worshipful Brother Harry found, beyond any doubt, that the Brother had really left town, he again threw the machinery into "High Gear". It was even suspicioned that some of our Grand Lodge Officers were instrumental in having the Illinois Deputy visit McKinley, but to no avail. We had found all kinds of ways to speed things up.

April 7, 1920, the first "Historical Committee" was appointed by Wor. Master Harry Margenau. It consisted of Wor. Bro.Merritt Metz, and Bros. Wm. O'Brien and E.W. Miles.

The by-laws were also amended on April 7, 1920 to say that only one Stated Meeting a month, i.e. the first Wednesday, would be effective July 1. It is interesting to note that one of the bills submitted at the April 21, 1920 meeting was for $8.00 for 100 cigars. The smoke must have been pretty thick during

refreshments. The purchase of cigars kept coming up in the minutes for several years.

A donation of fifty dollars was made to the Salvation Army at the May 19th meeting, which shows the charitable aspects of McKinley Lodge from its very beginning.

June 29, 1920, Grand Master Richard H. Schweitzer approved a change in McKinley's By-Laws providing that one Stated Meeting per month be held on the first Wednesday of each month.

In the early days of McKinley Lodge, McKinley and Garfield had Degree Work nearly every Saturday, starting in the forenoon and stopping the clock at "Low 12". Worshipful Brother Marganau, in his red robe, was a familiar sight directing traffic to the dining room for the weekly banquet about six o'clock on many a Saturday evening.

At the October 6, 1920 Stated Meeting two bills are of strange interest. One, $100.00, "to the Public Schools of Hammond, for the purpose of placing and teaching the Bible in the Public Schools of Hammond, Indiana", and the other was for 300 cigars.

The Grand Master eventually issued a statement against smoking in any Lodge Room as it was Unmasonic. In the world today, both the cigars and the money for Bible teaching in the public schools would be illegal. Well, maybe not the cigars.

On November 20, 1920, Ferdinand Miller, born in Brooklyn, New York, received his Master Mason Degree. His original petition was made to McKinley Lodge. Bro. "Ferd" Miller still attends Lodge quite regularly. He is a seventy-two-year member.

During the year 1920, McKinley Lodge initiated 122 Entered Apprentices, Passed 129 Fellowcraft, and Raised the following listed 131 Master Masons:

Ermon Allen	Frank A. Ambler	Ernest W. Anderson
Willaim H. Bachman	Grover Baichley	Roy E. Barnhart
Louis F. Becker	Talbot O. Bellamy	Vern A. Belles
Harvey O.Bemisderfer	Grover L. Blood	Avey R. Bobbett
Howard A. Boyer	Robert O. Burton	Paul N. Buser
Charles W. Bussell	George G. Cain	George M. Chapin
Cornelius H. Cobb	Charles Conrad	Clinton Costello
Edgar ID. Crumpacker	Earl Dockery	Harry T. Eads
Robert J. Eads	Albert C. Ehret	Allen A. Elliott
Charles F. Fairchild	Lowell S. Fisher	Ray Fitzpatrick
Leslie E. Gardner	John E. Grace	William L. Gray

George R. Grobner
Walter F. Harbert
Charles E. Hollett
Frank L. Johnson
Edward Karsten
William Kelly
John Kums
Herbert F. Lewke
Charles E. McCoy
Ferdinand Miller
Forrest Morrow
Reinholt Muller
David R. Nelson, Jr.
Mathew P. Nelson
Harry N. Nunimaker
Roy H. Olsen
Casper E. Parsons
Robert Paterson
Louis Peterek
Henderson C. Petrie
Edgar L. Plain
Lee J. Quick
Elmer E. Randall
Lawrence E. Randall
Edward E. Rathbun
William A. Reiger
Jesse L. Ropp
John W. Rosbrough
Pleasant R. Sarber
Ernest G. Schille
Alvin H. Schrieber
Fred W. Schultz
Charles W. Stokes
Harold V. Haines
John E. Hathaway
Erhard Holmberg
Robert A. Johnson
George Kast, Jr.
Fred D. Kennard
William F. Lawson
John A. Malo
Walter W. Millikan
Fredrick Miller
Otis E. See
Raymond E. Shaffer
J.W. Shallenberger
John J.Shultner
Frank W. Slaney, Jr.
Archie H. Smith
Frank Smith
Jacob A. Smith
Ralph E. Smith
John V. Stanton
Edward G. Steineck
Arthur S. Stowell
Arthur O. Thornton
Adrian E. Tinkham
Wm. G. Turberville
Ernest Turner
William W. Warfuel
Frank S. Weber
Oscar F. Weil
Caleb K. White
David A. Whitmire
Walter L. Wise
Anton H. Tapper
Ray V. Haines
David C. Hayes
Carl F. Jagnow
John W. Jones
Arthur E. Kelley
Fredrich W. King
William C. Lewis
William T. Martin
William L. Michaels
Oliver F. Monnett
Frank R. Yager
William H. Zahrte
John H. Van Name
William W. Veno
Warren W. Abblett
William L. Agnew
Charles A. Bounds
John J. Einsele
Omar F. Harvey
Karl F. Hellwig
Oscar Heyl
Henry J. Krug
Frank S. Kurtz
Reuben M. Lamb
Arthur G. Last
William Nill
Orr E. Miller
Floyd R. Murray
Perley E. Parmenter
William G. Robbins
Clyde D. Shearer
Earl R. Snyder

Four affiliated in 1920; they were - Edgar W. Adams
Eben N. Bunnell
Onos O. Melton
Paul P. Warner

John D. Smalley, died, and Walter C. Eggert demitted.

***** 1921 *****

The following McKinley Officers were installed on January 5, 1921 in a joint Installation with Garfield Lodge to serve McKinley Lodge for the year 1921.

W.M. John C. Kennedy
S.W. William M. O'Brien.
J.W. Arthur R. See
Treas. John C. Agnew
Sec'y. Elhanan W. Miles
Organist Fred G. Middleton

S.D. Frank Greatbatch
J.D. Wilford S. Trueblood
S.S. Marvin E. Wilcox
J.S. Henry M. VonOsinski

Tyler Conrad C. Rynes

Along about this time, three of McKinley's future Masters became quite proficient as a team of Craftsmen and worked together for several years. Many of the "Old Timers" can well remember Dick Farrell as First Craftsman, Oscar Weil as No. 2, and Charles Bounds as the "Tired and Discouraged" one. They were good for many a good laugh.

Senior Deacon Frank Greatbatch introduced a new type of Visitors Examination but its use was not adopted as a general practice. A sample follows:

Committeeman:	As an - - - - - where do you come from?
Visitor:	From McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania.
Committeeman:	Why came you here - - ?
Visitor:	To see the Master Mason Degree conferred.
Committeeman:	Where did you leave your hat and coat?
Visitor:	On the rack outside the door.
Committeeman:	Get them and get out of here.

Frank learned after the Brother had departed that such things are not done in Pennsylvania as they are in Indiana or Ontario, and went on a search for the departed Brother. When he was located, the proper apologies were made, and he was induced to return to the Lodge and eventually admitted.

All was going extremely well for McKinley when out of the mail box came a letter from Most Worshipful Grand Master, Richard H.Schweitzer, dated January 11, 1921.

The letter stated that a complaint had been made to him that Garfield Lodge and McKinley Lodge were in violation of the Grand Lodge of Indiana Rules and Regulations by permitting the Order of the Mystic Shrine to occupy and hold its meetings in the Lodge Room of Garfield and McKinley Lodge. He had found recently that Garfield had "willfully disobeyed my orders of warning and the Shrine had held its meeting in the Lodge Room in November, 1920.

If correct, McKinley undoubtedly was aware of the fact that the General Regulations forbid a subordinate Lodge to permit any unrecognized organization to occupy its Lodge Room, and consequently, willfully and persistently violated this regulation.

I ask that you advise me promptly if my information is correct, and if so, I direct that the Lodge show cause why the penalty should not be applied for

this gross transgression of Masonic Law."

January 18, 1921 McKinley sent a letter to the Grand Master as had been requested on January 11. It stated that McKinley was renting the hall from the Masonic Building Association, the same as the other bodies in the Temple. In the second paragraph of the letter, this author feels they compounded their error so it is quoted verbatim. "We were not aware that any criticism could be offered to our members meeting in the Lodge Hall as Shriners, as any and all of them could visit and be welcome at our Lodge Meetings. I have looked through the Blue Book and can find no paragraph stating that the Shrine could not use a Lodge Hall."

The last sentence of the letter is a little softer and says, "If any violation has occurred, it has been through ignorance, and surely none was ever intended." It was signed by the Secretary of McKinley Lodge.

On January 24, 1920, in a letter to McKinley from the Grand Master, he says that he is in receipt of McKinley's letter of the 18th stating that McKinley had looked through the Blue Book and could find no paragraph stating that the Shrine could not use a Lodge Hall.

The second paragraph of the Grand Masters letter states, "I am surprised at this statement, because either it is an attempt to evade responsibility or indicates a woeful lack of knowledge of Masonic Law, which is the duty of the Officers of every Lodge to acquire."

(The letter continues)
"In order that there may be no question as to your situation, I cite you the following references in the General Regulations, all of which apply to this violation of law on the part of McKinley Lodge." The references are stated, numbered, and correct.

The Grand Master goes on to state that he has no personal objection to the Shrine for he is a Shriner himself, but the Shrine is not recognized as a Masonic body.

"It is therefore my order that McKinley Lodge No. 712, of Hammond, Indiana, show cause why the Charter of the Lodge should not be suspended for this flagrant violation of the General Regulations of the Grand Lodge." He further directed that his communication be read at the next Stated Meeting of February 2, 1921, and that McKinley promptly acknowledge the communication.

WOW ! How's that for educating a subordinate Lodge!

January 31, 1921, McKinley sent an acknowledgement and said that the letter from the Grand Master would be read at the February Stated Meeting.

February 1, 1921, McKinley wrote to the Masonic Building Association of Hammond as follows:

"Gentlemen: We are ordered by McKinley Lodge No. 712 F. & A.M., to call your attention to the violation of the General Regulations of the Grand Lodge now being permitted by you in allowing the Order of the Mystic Shrine to occupy our Lodge room. We are also ordered to demand of you an immediate cessation of this gross violation of Masonic Law, and your written acknowledgment that the Order of the Mystic Shrine shall never again be allowed to meet in our Lodge room." It was signed by two McKinley trustees, H.W. Marganau and Merritt D. Metz.

February 3, 1921, McKinley Lodge wrote a most conciliatory letter to Grand Master Schweitzer, and included a copy of their letter to the Masonic Building Association of Hammond.

The letter says that McKinley is made up of many Masons from different Lodge jurisdictions, that they had an extraordinary amount of work for a new Lodge, and "failed to comprehend the full meaning of the regulations covering the subject at hand, and which do not enter directly into the active work of the Lodge."

The letter from McKinley goes on and in part reads, "At this time while we do realize with the deepest regret our transgression of the General Regulations, we wish to assure you that we are as sincerely desirous of as fully conforming with all the general regulations as we have been in conducting our Lodge in conformity with the highest Masonic traditions. We were young in experience, crowded to the limit with work, and our active members have been so thoroughly imbued with the desire to have McKinley Lodge attain the highest degree of proficiency in accuracy of the ritualistic work, character of membership and faithful adherence to high moral precepts that through negligence, we have unwittingly transgressed the law, for which we most humbly beg forgiveness."

"We sincerely hope and believe that you will consider our unfortunate position in this situation and pray that you will extend to us your official clemency commensurate with our earnest endeavors in the past and our sincere desire to continue in the service of our beloved fraternity." Signed by the Wor. Master, and attested by the Secretary.

That was a letter of McKinley's contrite conciliation!

McKinley was more fortunate than Garfield. McKinley was placed on probation,"until the next Grand Lodge Communication". Garfield had their Charter Suspended. The letter from the Grand Master to Wor. Bro. John C. Kennedy of McKinley Lodge dated February 12, 1921, is quoted as follows:

"I have received your communication of February 3, 1921, in answer to my letter of January the 24th, requiring McKinley Lodge No. 712 to show cause why the Charter of the Lodge should not be suspended for violations of Masonic Law, which were cited in my letter.

The fact that the occupation of your Lodge Room by the Order of the Mystic Shrine was a violation of Masonic Law was so widely known in your Masonic Community throughout the northern part of Indiana, convinces me that many of your members must have been aware of this violation of the law. The plea of the Lodge that the Order of the Shrine has now been expelled from the Lodge Room is without weight, and I sincerely regret that the Lodge should have offered this plea as a defense for having violated Masonic Law, for I had been advised by the Secretary of Garfield Lodge, on December the 28th, that the Shrine had held its last meeting in your Masonic Temple, and that the contemplated building operations of your Masonic Bodies in Hammond, excluded the possibility of any large gathering being held in the Lodge Room until the new Temple is completed, and that during construction, the Shrine would be forced to find some other place to hold its meetings.

I realize, however, that in the case of McKinley Lodge No. 712, there are extenuating circumstances to which I give full recognition, and while the action of the Lodge in violating the law fully justifies me in revoking or suspending the Charter of the Lodge, I feel that in this case, the fact that I did not warn the Lodge of its violation of law before citing it to show cause why the Charter should not be suspended, together with the fact that the Lodge is young in its organization , justifies me in waiving the penalty fixed by law and in referring the matter to the Grand Lodge for final decision.

I will, therefore, permit the Lodge to continue on probation until the meeting of the Grand Lodge in May, 1921, at which time, I will refer the case to the Grand Lodge for final
action.

I direct that you promptly acknowledge receipt of this communication and that it be read to the Lodge at its next Stated Meeting and be entered in full in the records of the Lodge."

The letter is signed by Most Worshipful Brother, Richard H. Schweitzer, Grand Master. An acknowledgment was sent immediately.

McKinley Lodge was put on probation by Grand Master Schweitzer until the meeting of the Grand Lodge in May, 1921 for violation of the General Regulations in allowing the Shrine to meet in the Blue Lodge Rooms. Garfield Lodge, however, had their Charter suspended and McKinley Lodge was ordered by the Grand Master, in another letter dated March 5, 1921, to handle the unfinished Degree Work for Garfield Lodge during this period.

At last, McKinley Lodge could breathe a little easier. Perhaps that is the reason for the $15.00 spent for 200 cigars at the February 2, 1921 stated meeting. Boy they smoked a lot!

At the March 4, 1921 Stated Meeting, McKinley gave $100.00 toward the new Gary Hospital. (This writer assumes it was Gary Methodist Hospital) Our generosity was again showing.

Under the date of March 8, 1921, M.W. Grand Master Schweitzer sent to all Subordinate Lodges in Indiana a communication listing many violations of General Regulations being practiced and ordered such practices stopped. There were twelve specific violations listed. Among them, to cease immediately were:

Use of "Spurious Rituals";

Initiating more than one candidate at a time in the first section of the E.A. Degree;

Not keeping minutes in accordance with Grand Lodge Regulations;

Advancing candidates who were not proficient in the preceding degree;

Permitting members to smoke in the Lodge Room;

Observing strict secrecy on the election or rejection of candidates;

There were eleven admonitions in all.

At the April 9, 1921 Stated Meeting, we find the following bills that must have been of great importance. Fifteen dollars ($15.00) for 200 more cigars, and $3.80 for two notices in the Lake County Times, later named the Hammond Times and today known as the Times.

Wor. Master John C. Kennedy also directed the trustees to inquire of the Masonic Building Association relative to the application of the money paid by McKinley in 1921. A large new addition had been proposed and was being built west of the McKinley and Garfield Lodge Room.

Another "Bone of Contention" arose when the Grand Master, Richard H. Schweitzer, along with other Grand Lodge Officers, came to Hammond on Saturday, March 26, 1921, at the invitation of the Masonic Building Association to lay the cornerstone of the new building.

As Wor. Bro. George L.Pokos wrote in his History of Garfield Lodge, "Through a tragic quirk of fate and apparent misunderstanding, the members of Garfield Lodge could only be innocent bystanders at the ceremony."

The Shrine Cornerstone was consecrated on March 31, 1921, with the help of Elias J. Jacoby, Past Imperial Potentate, acting as special deputy of the Imperial Potentate.

Wor. Bro. Pokos goes on to say in a later chapter, "that in spite of that fact (Grand Lodge laying the cornerstone) the Order of the Mystic Shrine laid another cornerstone on the same building only a few days later, and the Masonic Building Association of Hammond, of which Garfield Lodge is a member, permitted these two ceremonies to be reported in the daily press as being two of a related series of Masonic Ceremonies in connection with the building of the Temple. This was done in spite of the fact that it is customary to have one cornerstone on a building, and when the Grand Lodge of Indiana has laid a cornerstone, there should be no further ceremony on the same building, and this would apply especially in the case of a building, a part of which is to be used by a subordinate Lodge."

This all occurred after a conference in the Office of the Grand Secretary between the Grand Master and the Garfield Lodge Officers was held on March 2, 1921. Even though the Officers of Garfield Lodge had no knowledge of the events leading to the laying of two cornerstones on the same building, the Grand Master was quite upset after hearing about the event that transpired on March 31, 1921 resulting in a second cornerstone being laid and dedicated by the Order of the Mystic Shrine.

The Temple on Muenich Court and Anne Street in Hammond is one of the few, if not the only building in the country, which has two cornerstones dedicated in the same week.

The cornerstone on the Southeast corner of the Temple reads as follows on the east side of the cornerstone:

GARFIELD LODGE NO. 569 F.& A.M.	MCKINLEY LODGE NO.712 F.& A.M.
CONSTITUTED MAY 27, 1884	CONSTITUTED MAY 27, 1919

HAMMOND CHAPTER NO. 117 R.A.M.

CONSTITUTED OCTOBER 20, 1998

HAMMOND COUNCIL NO. 90 R.& S.M.	HAMMOND COMMANDERY NO.41 K.T.
CONSTITUTED OCTOBER 23, 1912	CONSTITUTED APRIL 21, 1898

The adjacent side of the cornerstone reads:

CORNERSTONE LAID MARCH 26, 1921

ORIGINAL CORNERSTONE LAID MARCH 1, 1907
ORIGINAL CORNERSTONE DEDICATED NOVEMBER 26, 1907

The cornerstone on the Southwest Corner of the Temple reads as follows on the south and west side of this second cornerstone:

(The south side of the second Cornerstone reads)

ORAK TEMPLE
A. A. O. N. M. S.

(The west side of this second cornerstone reads)

INSTITUTED APRIL 27, 1909

DEDICATED MARCH 31, 1921

Finally, after the apologies for all the errors, McKinley Lodge No. 712 was taken off probation by the Grand Lodge on May 21, 1921, at the Grand Lodge Communication.

To satisfy the reader's curiosity regarding the York Rite Bodies being on the Masonic Cornerstone, it must be stated that the Hammond Commandery No. 41 of Knights Templar (1898), the Hammond Council No. 90 of Royal and Select Masters (1912), and the Hammond Chapter No. 117 of Royal Arch Masons (1898), had all been established in Hammond prior to the institution of McKinley Lodge. They were meeting, as was McKinley Lodge, in Garfield's Lodge Room prior to the construction of the new Temple now attached to the Garfield Lodge building.

So much for the very difficult period for Garfield and McKinley Lodges in 1920 and 1921. We shall return to recording the regular business of McKinley Lodge.

At the July 7, 1921 Stated Meeting, a bill was passed for $7.50 for another 100 cigars, and another $500.00 to the MBA for rent.

A picnic committee of Bros. Olsen, Bounds, Von Osinski, Shaffer, and Mead was appointed to set up a picnic to be held at "Hudson Lake". (Where is

Hudson Lake?)

During 1921 McKinley Lodge initiated 35 Entered Apprentices, passed 42 to the Degree of Fellowcraft, and Raised the following listed 35 Master Masons:

James Budge, Jr.	Joseph Lukaszenski	E. F. Washington
Clarence E. Coats	George Misroch	Harry L. Willis
Frank DeLaney	Allen C. Oltz	Carl Wolff
Richard I. Farrell	John C. Rea, Jr.	Harry W. Younger
Walter S. Green	Charles O. Schonert	Carl H. Brinchman
Ernest L. Gregg	Chester A. Spafford	Herman E. Krepps
Floyd K. Gwinner	Ernest T. Peterson	Curtis H.Lankford
David C. Hamacher	Burley G. Price	Hugh J. White
Ora F. Highland	John B. Stoehr	Frank L.Tureblood
Van E. Iliff	Glen C. Stiteley	Frank L. Erickson
William H. Jarnecke	James T. Vivian	Frank O. Reed
Brand J.A. Johnson	Calvin VanSchaack	

The following listed 5 Master Masons affiliated during 1921:

William F. Haberman	Arthur R. Jarrett	James E. Mead
Charles H. Poorman	George H. Provancha	

Two members, Edward J. Harrison and Bert Lightcap, died, and one, Cornelius H. Cobb, demitted in 1921.

***** 1922 *****

The following officers were installed on December 23, 1921 in a Joint Installation with Garfield Lodge to serve for the year 1922.

W.M. A. Roy See	S.S. Roy H. Olsen
S.W. Frank Greatbatch	J.S. Harry N. Nunimaker
J.W. Wilford S. Trueblood	Tyler Conrad Rynes
Treas John C. Agnew	Organist C.B. Brundson
Sec'y. Elhanan W. Miles	Trustee John C. Kennedy
S.D. Henry Von Orsinski	Trustee Merritt D. Metz
J.D. Charles A. Bounds	Trustee Harvey O. Bemisderfer

At the Stated Meeting on January 4, 1922, the Arabian Room became the "Banquet Hall" according to the minutes. There were as usual, many "Saturday Specials". (Degrees were conferred throughout the whole day on Saturdays.)

Wilford S. Trueblood was appointed to purchase Warden Columns for the new

Lodge Room.

A by-laws amendment was proposed at the February 1, 1922 meeting to provide for holding the Stated Meetings on the second Tuesday of each month, to become effective April 11, 1922. This was a change from the Wednesday meetings and that change is still in existence today.

******* DEDICATION OF MCKINLEY'S NEW LODGE ROOM *******

A SPECIAL MEETING was called and held on Saturday, February 11, 1922 at 2:20 P.M. for members and visitors assembled in the New Lodge Room known as the McKinley Room, to receive the Grand Lodge Officers and dedicate our new home.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Garfield's Lodge Room with stations filled in the following manner:

Grand Master	Omer B. Smith
Deputy Grand Master	Dr.Harry E. Sharrer (Garfield)
Grand Senior Warden	Merritt D. Metz (McKinley)
Grand Junior Warden	Harry W. Margenau (McKinley)
Grand Treasurer	Theodore Moor (McKinley)
Grand Secretary	George O. Mallett (Garfield)
Grand Senior Deacon	John C. Kennedy (McKinley)
Grand Junior Deacon	Willis R. Ford (Garfield)
Grand Marshall	Lindley C. Smith (Garfield)
Grand Chaplain	John C. Parrett (McKinley)
Grand Orator	Oscar Knoff
Grand Tyler	Jacob Kasper (Garfield)
The Three Great Lights	Fred Fuehrmeyer (Garfield)

Grand Lodge is always opened in private prior to the dedication of a new Lodge Hall or a rededication of a Lodge.

The Grand Lodge Officers were then escorted into the New Lodge Room that they then dedicated as McKinley Lodge No. 712, F. & A.M., in a short but beautiful ceremony. Short talks were then given by M.W. Bro. Omar B. Smith, Grand Master; Wor. Bro. Dr. H. E. Sharrer of Garfield Lodge; Wor. Bro. Willis R. Ford of Garfield; and Rev. Bro. John C. Parrett of McKinley Lodge.

After the dedication the Grand Lodge returned to Garfield's Lodge Room where they closed Grand Lodge.

Everyone adjourned to the top floor of the Temple where a fine banquet was served by the Ladies of the Eastern Star. Seven Hundred and Fifty plates were served and the ladies were highly complemented for both the excellent meal and the manner in which it was served.

Grand Orator Oscar Knoff gave an address that was of such high quality that those who did not hear him, missed a rare treat.

After the address, the Grand Master and his Officers met with members and guests in the parlor until 8:30 P.M. There were also conducted tours of the New Temple between 7:00 - 8:30 P.M.

At eight-thirty o'clock the auditorium of the Temple was opened for entertainment. Englewood, Illinois Commandery Concert Band of eighty-five pieces, entertained a large audience for one and one-half hours. It was a wonderful concert enjoyed by all present including many young people.

At ten o'clock, the Banquet Hall was opened for dancing where a very large crowd enjoyed themselves until low twelve. The extensive search for a copy of the Printed Program of the Dedication to include in an Appendix of this history unfortunately proved fruitless.

Tuesday, April 11, the first Stated Meeting on the second Tuesday of the month was held according to the By-laws change previously proposed.

The Saturday, April 15, 1922 Called Meeting Minutes say that the Lodge had been opened at 1:30 P.M., and the MM Degree had been conferred on three Fellowcrafts in the afternoon. Following refreshments, the minutes say, "This being the Annual Past Master's Night, the Wor. Master invited the following Past Masters of McKinley Lodge to take the following offices for the evening work" (All McKinley's Past Masters were present)

Wor. Bro. Harry W. Margenau,	Wor. Master
Wor. Bro. Merritt D. Metz,	Senior Warden
Wor. Bro. John C. Kennedy,	Junior Warden

They took their stations and conferred the Master Mason Degree in an excellent manner on Bro. Edward Lavin Phair. This is the first indication in the minutes of a formal Past Masters Night, although the minutes refer to it as the "Annual Past Master's Night".

At the May 9, 1922 Stated Meeting a bill for $15.75 was presented from the Universal Book and Bible House. It is presumed that this was for several Bibles. We wish that the cost were the same for us today.

The June 13, 1922 Stated Meeting minutes gives us the first indication of the importance of a Masonic Library. A committee consisting of Bros. Harry Broertjes and E.W. Miles was appointed to secure materials for our Masonic Library.

It appears that the picnic in 1922 was held in conjunction with East Chicago Lodge No. 695, for a committee was appointed to attend a meeting of the East

Chicago Lodge on Monday evening June 19, 1922 to arrange a Masonic Picnic.

The resignation of Senior Deacon Bro. Henry Von Osinski dated July 2, 1922, states he will be moving to Cleveland, Ohio due to his being transferred by his employers. The resignation was accepted. At the August 8, 1922 stated meeting, Bro. Richard I. Ferrell was appointed as Junior Steward. The officers below Senior Deacon were advanced because of the appointment.

The July 11, 1922 Stated Meeting brought the appointment of the first Sick Committee of Bros. Arthur R. See, Frank Greatbatch, Wilford Trueblood and E.W. Miles.

The Library Committee made a report recommending the purchase of four or five Masonic Papers. They were directed to make the recommended purchases, but there is no indication in the minutes as to the Titles of the papers they were to purchase.

The September 12, 1922 Stated Meeting brought a report from Bros. Harry Broertjes and Walter Bielfield who were directed to purchase aprons for visiting Brothers. The aprons were to have a blue border to distinguish visiting Brothers. That apron is used today to distinguish the Past Masters. There is no differentiation today in aprons between visiting Brothers and McKinley Lodge members.

At a Called Meeting Saturday, September 16, 1922, the MM Degree was conferred on five Brothers during the morning and afternoon. The highlight of the day came in the evening after refreshment, when the Lecture to the Candidate Bro. Charles Rodde was given by Wor. Bro. H.R. Miner, Past Grand Lecturer from the State of Iowa. The record states the Lecture was "most impressive."

September 19, 1922 McKinley Lodge conferred the EA Degree on a duly elected candidate, Mr. Earl L. Gilbreth, on behalf of Ben Franklin Lodge No. 574 of Lisbon, Iowa, at the request of the Grand Lodge of Iowa. On the 26th of September 1922, he was advanced to the Degree of Fellowcraft by McKinley Lodge.

This is the first indication where McKinley Lodge conferred degrees on behalf of an out-of-state Grand Lodge on their candidate.

The first "Senior Wardens Night" of McKinley Lodge was held on October 28, 1922 in McKinley's Lodge Room. The very first Wardens Night in Hammond was held by Garfield Lodge No. 569 on November 25, 1916. The stations for the Master Mason Degree on this October 28, 1922 evening were filled by Officers representing the following Lodges:

First Section;

W.M. Bro. Frank Greatbatch	McKinley 712	Hammond, IN
S.W. Bro. Walter A. Beck	Lake Lodge 157	Crown Point, IN
J.W. Bro. William J. Rooda	Gary Lodge 677	Gary, IN
S.D. Bro. Robert D. Wheaton	McClelland 357	Hobart, IN
J.D. Bro. Anderson	Harvey Lodge 832	Harvey, IL

Second Section:

W.M. Bro. Chas. S.Felt	Roosevelt 716	Gary, IN
S.W. Bro. Oliver C. Gaskil	East Chicago 595	E. C., IN
S.D. Bro. Orin H. Eskridge	Colfax 378	Lowell, IN
J.D. Bro. James Morrison	Whiting 613	Whiting, IN

The Degree Team of Roosevelt Lodge 716 acted as Craftsman.

Following the Degree work, at 5:30 P.M. a dinner was served in the Banquet Hall to approximately 700 Brothers. The Brethren then enjoyed a fine talk by Brother William H. Jenings, Grand Recorder and Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois.

It was also at this meeting that the American Flag was presented to McKinley Lodge by the Hi-12 Club and was officially dedicated. Wor. Master A.R. See had previously appointed Bro. Wilford Trueblood to purchase a flag and he was instrumental in securing one as a gift from the Hi-12 Club.

It is interesting to note that at the November 14, 1922 Stated Meeting a bill for $57.50 was approved to the American Flag Company. This amount was then given to the Lodge by the Hi-12 Club.

At the December 12, 1922 Stated Meeting, the day after yours truly was born, a Petition for Masonry was received from Mr. Thomas Eugene Nelson. Bro. Nelson later served for many years as Tyler and was appointed Tyler Emeritus. His death in 1988 was a great personal loss and a great loss to McKinley Lodge. His loyalty and devotion to duty and to McKinley Lodge is not easy to match throughout our history.

It was the sad duty of Wor. Master See at that December 12, 1922 meeting, to call the Lodge to stand for one minute of silent prayer in honor of Wor. Bro. Willis R. Ford of Garfield Lodge, who had passed to that undiscovered country from whose born no traveler returns. The Willis R. Ford Chapter of DeMolay in operation today is sponsored by McKinley Lodge.

It was at a Called Meeting on December 26, 1922, when Wor. Bro. George O. Mallet of Garfield Lodge No.569 was made an Honorary Member of McKinley Lodge. He had been extremely instrumental in getting McKinley Lodge started. Without his efforts it might have been many more years before we obtained our Charter if at all. The membership award should

have come sooner, but better late than never.

During 1922, McKinley Lodge Initiated 26, Passed 26, and Raised the following 29 Brothers:

James W.E. Arnay
Leo C. Arkin
Roy E. Beucus
Calvin A. Bowman
Charles B. Carlson
Edward Fauhamer
William C. Hellwig
Richard S. Holsen
John W. Karsten
Wilbur E. Knight
Omer D. Martin
Donald B. Neville
Lyman P. Oltz
Edward L. Phair
Howard T. Rathbun
Robert H. Reid
Charles E. Rhode
Harry F. Anerson
Bard L. Cosgrove
Harley O. Elder
Joe E. Fogelman
Elmer E. Lemmon
Robert P. Longanecker
William M. Love
Ned Nelson
James R. Pugg
Arthur L. Schearer
Sam Shlass
Burt C. Stevens

Four affiliated by demit. They were Atron L. Brunswick; Eugene E. Neville; Henry E. Sullivan; and Henry Vis.

One member, Carl Buser, died.

Two demitted, i.e., Ora E. Hartz and Raymond L. King.

***** 1923 *****

During a Called Meeting of December 26, 1922 the following were installed to serve McKinley Lodge for the ensuing 1923.

W.M. Frank Greatbatch
S.W. Wilford S. Trueblood
J.W. Charles A. Bounds
Treas. Raymond E. Shaffer
Sec. Elbanan W. Miles
S.D. Roy H. Olsen
J.D. Richard I. Farrell
S.S. Oscar Weil
J.S. Harry W. Nunimaker
Tyler Jacob Kasper

The Installing Officer was Wor. Bro. George O. Mallett of Garfield Lodge No. 569, an Honorary Member of McKinley Lodge. Wor. Bro. John C. Kennedy of McKinley acted as Marshal.

A communication received from Grand Master Robert W. Phillips dated November 10, 1922 was read. It dealt with an admonition citing several instances where some member of the Fraternity had forgotten that portion of Masonry dealing with "Silence and Circumspection." He ordered that his letter be read at the meeting for Election of Officers and again following the Installation. At the Stated Meeting of January 9, 1923 the letter of Nov. 10, 1922 from the Grand Master was again read. It is found in the minute book

of 1923.

Also, at this meeting a committee was appointed to meet with the recent widow of Bro. Paul Buser to see if she needed any help. There was no Masonic Funeral mentioned in the minutes.

February 13, 1923 Stated Meeting: For some months now no Bill for Cigars is found in the minutes. It would appear that the letter from the Grand Master forbidding smoking in the Lodge Room caused the Brethren to buy their own cigars.

At a Called Meeting Saturday, February 17, 1923 the Lodge was opened at 1:30 P.M. After conferring M.M. Degrees, dinner was served in the banquet hall in two shifts, at 6:00 and again at 7:00 P.M. before Lodge was again opened at 7:30 P.M. When attendance requires you to serve in two shifts, you must have excellent attendance.

February 23, 1923, Brother John C. Rea was appointed as Junior Steward to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Bro. Harry W. Nunimaker who had moved from Hammond.

Fifty dollars was set aside at the March 13, 1923 Stated Meeting, for the DeMolay, "in case they should need it in the process of organization."

At a Called Meeting Saturday, March 24, 1923 Wor. Master Greatbatch presented the gavel to the Wor. Master of Rainbow Lodge No. 792 F. & A.M. of Chicago, Illinois who, with the Officers of Rainbow Lodge conferred the MM Degree on Bro. William R. Schillo of McKinley. A beautiful ebony gavel was presented on behalf of McKinley Lodge by Wor. Bro. Harry Margenau to the Wor. Master of Rainbow Lodge.

A new tradition, still in vogue, was begun at the April 10, 1923 Stated Meeting. Wor. Master Greatbatch asked that the Senior Warder and the Secretary of the Lodge accompany him to attend the Grand Lodge Communication May 22 and 23rd. On motion made and seconded, the request was granted.

An amendment to the By-Laws was presented to provide for an assessment of $50.00 for each member to help meet the obligation on the building. This amount was to be invested in Common Stock of the Building Association.

The Called meeting of April 14, 1923 was unusual in that the Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred on Mr. Arthur E. Oltz by three of his sons and a blood brother.

Bro. Lyman P. Oltz	Son as Wor.Master
Bro. Arthur C. Oltz	Son as Senior Warden
Bro. Russel M. Oltz	Son as Junior Warden

Bro. H.M. Oltz - A blood brother (Only holding the E.A. Degree himself) a member of Benevolent Lodge No. 145 of Mason City, Iowa served as Senior Deacon.

It was written in the minutes, "The work was given in such a beautiful manner that it will long be remembered by all who saw it."

It was also at the April 10, 1923 Stated Meeting that the resignation of Bro. Wilford S. Trueblood as Senior Warden was accepted and Bro. Charles A. Bounds, the Junior Warden, was elected to that office. This caused a vacancy in the Office of Junior Warden and Bro. Roy H. Olsen was duly elected to that office.

The other officers were advanced and Bro. Frank A. Ambler was appointed Junior Steward. This began a long history of service to McKinley by Bro. Ambler who later served as Secretary for many years.

In recognition of the high esteem held by the Lodge for Bro. Trueblood, a beautiful Masonic Ring was presented to him at the Santa Fe Railroad Station in Chicago just before his departure.

The first recorded Masonic Funeral given by McKinley Lodge was May 4, 1923 for Bro. Edgar Webster Adams. It was held in the "Masonic Parlors" of the Temple at 8:00 P.M. From now on all Brethren given a Masonic Memorial Funeral Service will be noted by an asterisk. The July 10, 1923 Stated Meeting brought resolutions for two amendments to the By-Laws. One was to provide an assessment of $50.00 for each member to help meet the obligation on the property. (The resolution also provided for up to five years for each member to make the payment) The second resolution was to require any request for a demit to be in submitted in writing.

Both were disapproved. A proposed amendment to raise the annual dues was brought before the Lodge at the October 9, 1923 Stated Meeting, was approved by all parties and confirmed by a vote of the Lodge at the Stated Meeting of November 13, 1923.

A word needs to be said regarding the use of the auditorium of the Temple during 1923. In a recent letter from Mr. John T. Muri, friend, fellow teacher, nationally renowned organist and Hammond's Achievement Award Recipient in 1990, sheds a great deal of light on the use of the auditorium during this period. John Muri says the following: "As a youngster about the time the Temple Auditorium was opened to the public I went to see the Shrine Circus several times in the opening week. After my graduation from Hammond High in 1923, I needed a good deal of practice on the organ. I was able to rent practice time from Mel Monnett on the auditorium organ and sometimes on the better organ in Garfield's Lodge room for fifty cents an hour.

There I made the acquaintance of Mr. E.R. Howard the organist who came from Chicago each day to play for the silent films shown in the Temple Auditorium (Theater). In 1924 he alternated with a four man string quartet conducted by Linsey McPhail, the composer of an old pop tune "San". The film were shown by a projectionist named Elliot from Evanston, Illinois who closed the Temple Theater during the summer. In 1924 I played the auditorium organ for the silent films and there were good crowds. A Theater Stock Company headed by Harry Minturn took over in the fall of 1924 and I played for a couple of plays that drew good crowds. Some of the actors were Frances McGrath and Karl and Cora Way. The company only lasted for two years. I left shortly thereafter to take a full time job of playing the pipe organ at the Hoosier Theater in Whiting."

This writer extends his appreciation for Mr. Muri's input to this history.

The annual Senior Wardens Night was held on October 20, 1923.

The appointment of Bro. Conrad E. Rynes at the Nov. 13, 1923 Stated Meeting, was "to see that there is a picture taken of every Past Master of McKinley Lodge and that it be appropriately placed in the Lodge."

Saturday, November 24, 1923 was designated as Past Masters Night. Lodge was opened at 1:30 P.M. and after an afternoon of labors followed by dinner, all McKinley Past Masters participated with Garfield's Past Masters in the evening degree work.

Tuesday, December 11, 1923 brought the Election of Officers and warrants for the payment of the 1924 dues for Bro. Raymond E. Shaffer for services as Treasurer and for Bro. Conrad E. Rynes for services as Tyler. A warrant for $50.00 was passed for payment to the Secretary. These motions are the first discernible notices of payment made for such valuable services.

Saturday, December 29, 1923, after the afternoon work and dinner, a talk was given by Rev J.H. Williamson of Chicago on "Masonry and Americanism". After labor was resumed, the Firefighter Craft Team of Chicago, Illinois conferred the second section of the MM Degree on Bro. Arthur H. Langbeen.

During 1923, McKinley Lodge Initiated 25, Passed 24, and Raised the following twenty-eight, to the Degree of Master Mason.

Max Carl Haberman
Harry L. Bowden
Raymond Harlan
Henry Carter Katzbach
Anthony Larson
William Morris
Arthur Edwin Oltz
Harry Digby Baldry
Ralph Owen Buhler
Byron Francis Holly
Arthur Henry Klee
Arthur H. Langbeen
Thomas Eugene Nelson
Howard Roy Oltz

Russell Manning Oltz
Marcus Harmon Rogers
Fred William Spoerner
James H. Williams
Howard Richard McVey
August Charles Riechers
Kenneth Malo
Charles F. Roberts
William R.Schillo Jr.
Angus Warren Telley
Miron Dewey Davis
Harry Fredrick Nimon
Harry John Salos
Warner Sigmond Waxman

The following members died in 1923: (The asterick * denotes a Masonic Funeral)

Edgar W. Adams * (McKinley's first Masonic Funeral)
Vern Archie Bellez*

Eleven members demitted during 1923:

Oliver M. Capps
Casper Elijah Parsons
Frank W. Sleney Jr.
Fredrick W. King
William A. Reiger
Dana Taylor
Curtis H. Lankford
Luther L. Rutherford
Warren William Abblett
William C. Michaels
Fred William Schultz

***** 1924 *****

At a Called Meeting on January 4, 1924, the officers for Garfield and McKinley Lodges were jointly installed. The McKinley officers were:

W.M. - Charles A. Bounds
S.W. - Roy H. Olsen
J.W. - Richard I Farrell
Treas. Raymond E. Shaffer
Sec. Elhana W. Miles
S.D. - Oscar F. Weil
J.D. - John C. Rea
S.S. - Arthur S. Klug
J.S. - William M. Love
Tyler Conrad E. Rynes

This installation marked a milestone in McKinley in that the new Worshipful Master was the first to hold that office who had been Raised in McKinley Lodge. All who had served previously as Wor. Master, were Charter Members. The first three, Merritt D. Metz, 1919, Harry W. Margenau, 1920, John C. Kennedy, 1921, had come to McKinley from Garfield. The fourth, A.Roy See, 1922, came from Kinmundy Lodge No. 398, Kinmundy, Illinois and the fifth, Frank Greatbatch, 1923, came from Acacia Lodge No. 61, Hamilton, Ontario.

It was at this meeting that McKinley authorized the Wor. Master to purchase

equipment for the DeMolay Boys.

January 12, 1924 was designated "Railroad Night" and all stations were filled by Railroad men. The candidate, Walter Adam Ebert, was also a Railroad Man.

It appears that McKinley had an Organ, and except for 1919 and 1920, there is no previous record of an official Organist. At the February 12, 1924 Stated Meeting, the Wor. Master recommended that some action be taken to provide for an Organist and that necessary repairs to the Organ be made. Bro. Robinson was recommended as Organist and duly appointed after he said he would accept the appointment. His salary was approved at $5.00 per night when there was degree work.

The Stated Meeting on March 11, 1924 brought a dispensation from the Grand Master permitting McKinley to visit Drexel Lodge No. 1031 in Chicago to confer the MM Degree on their candidate.

McKinley's fifth birthday was observed on March 22, 1924 and the stations for the MM Degree were filled by the 1919 officers except for the S.D. Wm. O'Brien, who was absent. The 1919 officers knew their work well even after five years, for the work was "almost letter perfect." That is quite a tribute to the loyalty and continued participation of these Brothers.

April 11, 1924, McKinley made its visitation to Drexel Lodge located at 61st Street and Cottage Grove Avenue in Chicago. It was written that the McKinley Officers had sore arms from patting themselves on the back for their fine ritual work.

At the Stated Meeting of June 10, 1924, Masonic Charges were preferred by the Junior Warden against a McKinley Brother for scandalous behavior discovered after a report by a resident of a suspicious car on his property. The resident called the Sheriff resulting in the apprehension of the Brother by the Sheriff in Rensselaer, Indiana. At that time and in that town he was only charged with vagrancy.

Additional issues came to light resulting in McKinley's first Masonic Trial on June 21, 1924.

(NOTE) This writer prefers not to mention the specific charges or the name of the accused Brother. The minutes of the June 10, 1924 minutes are specific.

The Scandal however, was published in the Lake County Times and brought discredit to the Fraternity necessitating the trial. The speech given by the Worshipful Master at the close of the trial is most eloquent in that he reiterates many of our Masonic Principles including those of Masonic Charity

and his choice of words and passages from Holy Scripture were outstanding. The result of the many pages of testimony from several witnesses on both sides was that the accused was voted guilty by secret ballot on two charges and also by secret ballot the vote was to "indefinitely suspend" the accused.

(NOTE) The difficult choice by this author between complete "Silence and Circumspection" as Masonic Law requires and reporting this incident in the History of McKinley Lodge for all the world to read has resulted in omitting the names of the accused, the witnesses and the particulars surrounding this unfortunate incident. After reading the many pages of the transcript of the Masonic Trial this author concludes that no one wins anything from a Masonic Trial. The Lodge lost prestige over the wrongful actions of one of its members and the member, though not present at the trial certainly, lost the respect of the Masons present.

It is quite doubtful in today's world that similar charges would ever be filed. Nothing much happened after the trial till the Called Meeting Saturday, October 11, 1924. This was declared Senior Wardens Night and the following took their stations for the Master Mason Degree:

First Section:
W.M. Bro. G. Kettenring, Lake Lodge 157 Crown Point, IN
S.W. Bro. P.J. Sweeney, Whiting Lodge 513 Whiting, IN
J.W. Bro. E.H. Peterson, Earl Lodge 649 Shelby, IN
S.D. Bro. R. Breidenback, Indiana Harbor 686 East Chicago, IN
S.S. Bro. Strickland, Colfax Lodge 378 Lowell, IN

Second Section
K.S. Bro.J.K. Spencer, East Chicago Lodge 595 East Chicago, IN
K.H. Bro. H.A. Livingston, McClelland Lodge 357 Hobart, IN
S.D. Bro. A.D. Milteen, Roosevelt Lodge 716 Gary, IN
Craft Team was from East Chicago Lodge 595 East Chicago, IN

A banquet was held after the degree work and over 750 Brethren were served, followed by a talk from Past Grand Master Charles P. Benedict. A musical program was given by Misses Polly Walker, Medora Walker and Mrs. Lillian Brooks.

Palace Lodge No. 765 A.F. & A.M. of 614 East 113th Street in Chicago visited McKinley on October 21, 1924 conferring the MM Degree on McKinley Candidate Bro. Noble J. Shawn.

At the Annual Stated Meeting of December 9, 1924 the Officers for the ensuing year were duly elected and appointed and the following afternoon at two o'clock McKinley was inspected on the E.A. Degree by Wor. Bro. Ivory C. Tolle, Grand Inspector. As was the custom, a substitute candidate was used for the inspection.

December 12, 1924 was designated Past Master's Night and all five of McKinley's Past Masters took all major parts in both sections of the MM Degree including the lectures and charge on Bro. Homer Little Rivers.

During the year of 1924 McKinley Initiated 19, Passed 21, and Raised the following 21 Master Masons:

George Calder
Remus Elman Forrest
Raymond Melville Fox
George Washington Humphrey
Richard E. Krudup
Charles G. Schroeder
William Michael Spoerner
Charles A.Werner
Henry Andrew
Warren Burley
Gustave Henry Schoop
Peter Elman
William Evans
Jesse Paul Hawk
Charles F. Kortum
Homer Little Rivers
Noble John Shawn
Edward E. Stone
Virgil Edwin Whitaker
Wilhelm Ross
Walter Adam Ebert

One Brother, William Clarence Michaels, affiliated in 1924

Brothers, Harry W. Eastwood* and Paul P. Warner* died in 1924.

The following four demitted in 1924:
Clayton Elwell Eames
John Henry Van Name
Wiley Logan McFall
William Windfall Vano

One Brother was suspended in 1924 for nonpayment of dues.

***** 1925 *****

The McKinley Officers elected and appointed for 1925 were installed jointly with Garfield Lodge on December 19, 1924 as follows:

W.M. Roy H. Olsen
S.W. Richard I. Farrell
J.W. Oscar Weil
Treas. Raymond E.Shaffer
Sec'y. Ehlanan W. Miles
S.D. John C. Rea
J.D. Arthur H. Klug
S.S. John E. Hathaway
J.S. Raymond M. Fox
Organist Harry Robinson
Tyler Conrad E. Rynes

At the Stated Meeting of January 13, 1925 a communication from Bro. Edwin G. Steinback was read in which he requested permission to present the Lodge with a painting entitled "Birth of a Flag" on January 30, 1925. Permission was granted but there is no record of the presentation being made or if Bro.

Steinback was the artist.

At the February 10, 1925 Stated Meeting, the Auditing Committee under Chairman Frank Ambler reported on the period of 1924 and showed a balance on hand of $8236.83. After the Bills were voted on at this meeting the balance was reduced to $3390.20.

Also at this meeting, Bros. Harry W. Margenau, A. Roy See and Charles A. Bounds took charge of the details for a "McKinley Night" at the Temple Theater on March 9, 1925.

There is no further mention of the "McKinley Night", and this author does not presume to know what type of program was provided or if it was open to the families of the members.

Under "Unfinished Business" at the May 12, 1925 Stated Meeting the charges against 17 Brothers for Nonpayment of Dues were read. Charges against three were withdrawn but 14 were suspended. Things haven't changed too much in the Nonpayment of Dues department.

Masonic Home Day was set by M.W. Grand Master Albert W. Funkhouser for June 24, 1925 and the annual request that Masons be given the opportunity to contribute to the Home was read at the June 9, 1925 Stated Meeting. His communique said there were now over 125,000 Masons in Indiana and the Home was taxed to its limits both number wise and financially.

McKinley Lodge was playing it pretty close to the vest as far as finances were concerned. The balance on hand reported at the August 11, 1925 Stated Meeting was only $1521.70.

At the October 13, 1925 Stated Meeting a communication from Garfield Lodge said that Garfield passed a motion that the "New Year's Eve" entertainment for McKinley and Garfield be "free to Master Masons, sojourners and their families". They then discussed having "free entertainment on another night and holding the New Year's Eve Party with a charge of $1.00 for general admission." Wor. Master Roy H. Olsen then appointed a committee to meet with Garfield Lodge Representatives to make further arrangements. Nothing has been in the records to this point in time of an annual New Year's Eve Celebration but it is apparent such a celebration open to the public had been going on at the Temple Theater on New Year's Eve for some time.

At a Hammond Historical Society Meeting where this writer gave a review of this book, a member in the audience brought out the fact that as a child she and many children in the community attended the New Year's Eve parties on the third floor of the Masonic Temple during the depression years at a cost of only ten or fifteen cents. She gave high praise to the Masons for sponsoring this yearly New Year's Eve Party, open to the children of the

community as well as to the Masons and their families.

The November 10, 1925 Stated Meeting minutes carries a report that the McKinley and Garfield Committees on a New Year's Eve Party met and decided the party would be held on the third floor of the Temple at no cost to Master Masons and their families.

November 21, 1925 was designated "Past Masters Night" and the Master Mason Degree was conferred on Bro. James Gillespie Handley who became Wor. Master of McKinley Lodge in 1939. He undoubtedly was a greatly inspired candidate that night.

December 8, 1925, the Annual Stated Meeting, the officers for 1926 were duly elected and appointed. They were installed with the officers of Garfield Lodge No. 569, Tuesday evening, December 22, 1925. Wor. Bro. John C. Kennedy was the Installing Officer and Wor. Bro. Frank Greatbatch served as Installing Marshal. The year closed on a little higher financial note with a balance on hand of $2239.08.

During 1925 McKinley Lodge Initiated 12, Passed 12 to the Degree of Fellowcraft and Raised the following listed 14 Master Masons:

George Elbert Abbey
Maurice Benjamine Cohen
James Gillespie Handley
Sam McLeod
Joseph J. Million
Harvey Jackson Skewes
Raymond Edwin Assay
Frank Bernat
Charles B. DeLaney
Henry John Harder
Kenneth Charles Millard
Howard C. Pearson
Max R. Wainwright
Adolph Herman Eidam

Three Brothers Affiliated in 1925:
Fredrick MacKnoor
Jacob Kasper Woerner
Leroy Clifford McCullum

Two Brothers, John Kunz and Conrad E. Rynes*, died.

Three Brothers, Otto Gersbach, John Christian Weber and David A. Whitmire demitted.

Six were suspended for nonpayment of dues.

***** 1926 *****

Tuesday evening, December 22, 1925 the McKinley Lodge Officers for 1926 were duly installed in a joint installation with Garfield Lodge. Wor. Bro. John C. Kennedy acted as Installing Officer and Wor. Bro. Frank Greatbatch acted as Installing Marshal. Those installed were:

W.M. Richard I. Farrell
S.W. Oscar F. Weil
J.W. John C. Rea
Treas. August C. Riechers
Sec'y. Elhanan W. Miles
Tyler Harry L. Bowden
S.D. John E. Hathaway
J.D. Raymond M. Fox
S.S. Howard R. Oltz
J.S. Leroy C. McCullum
Organist Basil A. Turner

Saturday, March 27, 1926 at 3:00 P.M. the Lodge was opened on the MM Degree. After the the work, Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment till 7:30 P.M. McKinley members joined Garfield members for a splendid supper in the dining room where over three hundred Master Masons were served. Labor was resumed after dinner. It was interesting that the Organist for the day was Bro. Theodore Moore who was prominent in Real Estate in Hammond for many years.

At the Stated Meeting of May 11, 1926 the Junior Warden was instructed, after a vote, to prefer charges against a Brother who was delinquent for three years in paying his dues. How did he get by for so long a period?

Wor. Bro. Harry W. Marganau was honored May 18, 1926 but none of the scheduled candidates showed. All Master Masons who had been raised in 1920 had been invited and although no degree work was held, a very pleasant evening of reminiscing was enjoyed by all.

After conferring the MM Degree at the Called Meeting Tuesday, June 29, 1926, McKinley made a visitation the next night, June 30, 1926 to Hellenic Lodge No. 1084 in Chicago and conferred the MM Degree on a McKinley candidate. The visitations to and by Hellenic Lodge continued through the years, but no visit has been made in last ten years. The bill for transportation from the Calumet Motor Coach Company was $19.00 was presented for the approximately fifty McKinley members who made the trip. How times have changed!

October 26, 1926 Wor. Bro. Frank Greatbatch was honored with his "Official Family of 1923". They conferred the MM Degree with six Past Masters filling the principal stations. The "Official Past Masters Night" occurred Saturday, November 20, 1926 and Past Masters again filled the stations. The interesting thing here is that each of the Past Masters filled a different station on November 20 than they had filled on October 26. You can't beat that for

versatility and knowing all the stations for the MM Degree.

The Election of Officers was held during the December 14, 1926 Stated Meeting and the Lodge ended the year with a balance of $2311.78 in the treasury. We were still holding our own financially.

McKinley conferred 16 Entered Apprentice Degrees, 16 Fellowcraft Degrees and Raised the following listed 15 Master Masons during 1926:

Vern Atkinson	James Peter Craidon
Anthony John Fechalos	Levi Gledhill Skavonis
John Gregory Richmond	Elsworth Gray
William Maurice Kelly	John Henry May
Christ Morfas	Henry Paul Reitz
Lloyd Alexander Strachan	Peter George Scofes
Thurlow King Richter	Fred William Watson
Harry James Walker	

Two Brothers Affiliated in 1926:

Archibald Lee Hickman	William Ambrose Williams

Brother Coman Scott died in 1926.

The following Brothers demitted:

William Edwin Marlatt	Louis Peterek
Perley Eugene Parmented.	

One Brother was suspended for nonpayment of Dues.

***** 1927 *****

The Officers of McKinley Lodge for 1927 were installed on December 31, 1926 (New Years Eve) and were as follows:

W.M. Oscar F. Weil	S.D. Raymond M. Fox
S.W. John C. Rea	J.D. Howard R. Oltz
J.W. John E. Hathaway	S.S. Leroy C. McCullum
Treas. August C. Reichers	J.S. James Budge Jr.
Sec'y. Elhanan W. Miles	Tyler Harry L. Bowden

By 1927 the City of Hammond had grown from its official incorporation as a Town on December 4, 1883. The City of Hammond was officially organized on April 21, 1884. It was also in 1884 that Mr. W.C. Belman, with the approval of Mr. W.W. Merrill, the Township Trustee, established Hammond High School.

By World War 1 the population of Hammond was approximately 20,000 and was growing rapidly. People were coming to Hammond for there was work here and the industrial potential because of the war was tremendous. In 1914 the city lay pretty much within the boundaries of Gostlin Street on the North, Standard Avenue (165th Street) on the South, Calumet Avenue on the East and the State Line on the West. The area south of Standard Avenue consisted predominantly of small farm tracts. Calumet Avenue was a narrow street paved south only to Conkey Street. Hessville was a distant and somewhat remote region yet trade and commerce with Hammond was growing rapidly.

The need for a second Masonic Lodge in Hammond right after the First World War seemed self evident as was mentioned at the beginning of this history. Those early free thinkers are to be commended for by 1927 the population of the city had more than doubled to an estimated 50,000 people.

The age of the automobile was still in its infancy. This writer remembers his parents taking him to Roby (at the Lake Front) by way of Calumet Avenue, going north on a very narrow but paved roadway where a large amount of water lay on both sides of the street and in one place overran the roadway.

He also he recalls traveling from his uncle's home on south Harrison Street going north on a gravel road to Standard Avenue (165th Street) and East on Standard Avenue from Harrison Street to Madison Street.

If memory is correct, not all of this stretch was paved and sand had blown over various sections of the street. In 1927, at five years of age, this writer was more interested in getting home than the rough streets we rode on in the family 1923 "Tin Lizzy" which wasn't a Ford.

There were times when my mother would take me with her to down town Hammond by way of the Streetcar we caught on Conkey Avenue at the corner of Madison Street. From there we traveled on the streetcar, west to Hohman Avenue and then north to the downtown area to shop at the Kaufman and Wolf Store. This store later became the Goldblatt's Store. A few years later yours truly was to ice skate this route right down the middle of the streets to Washington Junior High on a day after an ice storm hit the city.

Although all seemed to be going great in Hammond at the outset of 1927, there were signs that all was not well. The problem was that as early as the middle of 1927 the national economy was on a roller coaster with many a down swing resulting in temporary losses of employment and some that were not so temporary.

As far as McKinley Lodge was concerned, things were going great at the beginning of the year. The inspection on the MM Degree by Grand Instructor Ivory C. Tolle on January 21, 1927 brought some criticism and some jokingly

said that the "Grand Instructor in his previous occupation must have been a Mortician." The Officers of Garfield who had been inspected on the EA Degree in the afternoon, joined the McKinley Officers and the Grand Instructor at the Elks' Club for dinner.

February 26, 1927 was designated as "Charter Members Night". The MM Degree was conferred on Joseph DeYoung by an all "Original Charter Member" cast.

A report of the audit by the Masonic Building Association Directors who coordinated the affairs of the entire Building showed a balance on hand at the end of 1926 amounted to a total of $2284.78 cash on hand.

It must be remembered that the three York Rite Bodies, the two Blue Lodges, an Eastern Star Group, the Masonic Affiliated Youth Groups and the Orak Shrine were all in the Temple during 1926, so the financial balance was not as good as it may have appeared. There was a lot of stock in the Temple owned by the various bodies but the cash flow shortage was very noticeable. This may have been a foreboding of things to come for the whole country as far as finances and economics were concerned.

At the March 8, 1927 Stated Meeting of McKinley, a balance on hand for the Lodge was $3340.26. This was quite good except for the fact that we had not yet paid our quarterly assessment. The April 12, 1927 Balance after paying our assessment to the Masonic Building Association of $1500.00 left us with a Balance on Hand of $2298.29. The receipts that had come in over the month totaled $4236.26 helping give us the $2298.29 balance.

Anyway, things seemed quite normal. Saturday, April 23, 1927 was designated as "City Employees Night." In the afternoon a MM Degree was conferred and after closing Lodge the members went to the dinning room where dinner was served. At 8:00 P.M. labors resumed and the City Employees Craft Team conferred the MM Degree on Bernie Clifford Wolley. The stations were filled as follows but this writer does not know their official positions with the City of Hammond.

William H. Spellman, W. M.	John C. Rea, S. D.
James A. Malo, S. W.	Homer J. Postlewaite J. D.
James M. Byron, J. W.	Donald W. Metz, S. S.
August C. Riechers, Treas.	Ray F. Abbott, J. S.
Elhanan W. Miles, Sec'y.	Harry L. Bowden Tyler,
Basil A. Turner, Organist	

Besides the officers and nine members there were 76 visitors shown on the register.

It was at the May 10, 1927 Stated Meeting under Miscellaneous Business a

motion allowed that Brothers Frank Greatbatch, John E. Hathaway and E.W. Miles confer with a committee from Garfield Lodge to have the "Masonic News" mailed to members as a supplement to the regular monthly calendar. The committee was authorized to handle the matter to a conclusion. This was the first indication of a regular "Newsletter" being prepared and mailed to the members.

At a Called Meeting on May 17, 1927 Wor. Master Oscar F. Weil stated the meeting had been specifically called to invite Wor. Bro. John C. Kennedy to confer the MM Degree. Wor. Bro. Kennedy was well known for his excellent ritual work.

June 21, 1927 the Lodge conferred the MM Degree for Council Lodge No. 644 F. & A.M. of Oskaloosa, Iowa.

Mayfair Lodge No. 1045 A.M. & F.M. of Chicago, Illinois visited McKinley Lodge on Tuesday, November 1, 1927 and conferred the MM Degree in Illinois Form on a Garfield candidate, Louis Frederick Westenfelder. McKinley Lodge needed help and Garfield Lodge, as usual was able to help by furnishing the candidate. Proper Dispensations had been obtained.

Several amendments to the By-Laws were presented at the November 8, 1927 Stated Meeting. One required the Election of Officers be held at the Stated Meeting preceding the Feast of St. John the Evangelist. All other appointments were also to be made and all officers would be installed at the next Stated Meeting. This practice is still in effect. Another was for the purpose of setting up a committee to set up a plan for handling Masonic Charity who would report their recommendations annually to the Lodge. These amendments were approved at the Stated Meeting of December 13, 1927.

Wor. Bro. Richard I. Farrell was honored on November 22, 1927 by being asked to confer the MM Degree. (Yes, this was an honor but it had to take some work on the part of McKinley's Baby Past Master) It turned out to be a good preview of a Past Master's Night held jointly with Garfield Lodge as host on December 17, 1927. McKinley Lodge was not opened that December 17 evening, but McKinley Past Masters participated with those of Garfield in conferring the MM Degree on Bro. Edward Henry Warner.

The Annual Stated Meeting of December 13, 1927 was a difficult one. Misunderstandings regarding a dues increase and the financing of the Temple resulted in the necessity of suspending a number of Brothers.
There is some confusion in this writers mind relative to this "misunderstanding." The $50.00 assessment was at the heart of it. Was it because of the failure to communicate that a five year payment period of $10.00 per year would be allowed or that the Grand Master had not approved the assessment, or that the money would purchase common stock in the

Masonic Building Association in the name of McKinley Lodge? The $50.00 assessment resolution had first been presented at the July 10, 1923 Stated Meeting to be effective in 1924. It included amending the By-Laws and instructed the Secretary to "refer the subject to the Grand Master for approval." At the August 14, 1923 Stated Meeting the resolution was again read agreeable to the By-Laws and passed by a vote of 28 for and three against adoption. A communication from the Grand Master read at the October 9, 1923 Stated Meeting disallowed the resolutions passed on August 14, 1923.

Our By-Laws were then amended to read that the dues would be increased to $15.00 effective January 1924. No other mention is made of the $50.00 assessment. This had to be the cause of the confusion over the assessment.

Nevertheless, some of the suspensions came because of the increasingly difficult economic situation in the city and not just because of confusion over the details of financing the Temple. No differentiation was indicated regarding the suspension of the 34 Brothers.

During 1927, 13 Candidates were Initiated, 13 Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft and the following 13 were Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

Hazel Woodford Bellamy
John Henry DeYoung
Arthur Henry Hanson
Carroll McKinley Mitchell
Bernie Clifford Wolley
Bernard S. Graves
Edward Henry Warner
Lonao Barnes Clark
George Christ Gourlis
Arthur George Johnson
Mason William Roberts
Richard Francis Dearing
Stuart Douglas McLean

Edgar Marvin Wilcox was reinstated and Charles Owen Hill affiliated.

Four Brothers died: George L. Blood*, William Filson Bridge*, Frank DeLaney* and Frank Richard Yager*

Three Brothers demitted:
Lyle C. Eyer, John R. Stafford and Richard Elsworth Gray.

In many cases of Brothers who died, McKinley Lodge held Memorial Services at the request of the family. An asterisk following their name continues to note that a Masonic Service was held by McKinley Lodge.

Thirty-four Brothers were suspended for nonpayment of dues.
Much of this was due to poor communication regarding a dues increase.

*Stephen Calhoun Beville	Harry Ferdinand Derner
*Lowell S. Fisher	*Clarence L. Fox
*William Leslie Gray	Brand John A. Johnson
Charles S. Kennard	Fred D. Kennard
*Herman Edgar Krepps	*Elmer Elswerth Lemmon
Herbert F. Lewke	John Anthony Malo
Joseph Jefferson Million	Carl Moore
*Forrest Morrow	*Thomas Eugene Nelson
Edgar L. Plan	Frank O. Reed
S. Paul Richards	Jesse L. Repp
*Raymond Ellsworth Shafer	Joseph W. Shallenberger
Jacob Allen Smith	Glen Charles Stiteley
Arthur S. Stewell	Frank Leroy Trueblood
*Calvin Van Schaack	Wesley Conrad Wagonblast
William W. Warfuel	Marvin Edgar Wilcox
Harry Lincoln Willis	Walter Leonidas Wise
*Jacob K. Woerner	*Joseph Edward Woods

The Brothers preceded by the asterisk are listed in the December 13, 1927 minutes as not having replied to the Notice of Charges, they were "Indefinitely Suspended" that night. The other names were taken from the history of Wor. Bro. Lamb, but this writer found no record of their suspension in 1927.

The financial report from the Masonic Building Association for the calendar year 1926 found with the McKinley minutes of the March 8, 1927 Stated Meeting is as follows:

Real Estate Cost of the Actual Building list at	$437,968.79
Furniture Cost	44,565.57
Additions to Fixtures & Equipment	250.00
Total Cost	$482,784.36

Stock (Paid for by Garfield in 1926)	$ 3,500.00
Stock (Paid for by McKinley in 1926)	1,000.00
Stock (Paid for by Orak Shrine in 1926)	15,400.00
Total Stock bought in 1926	$ 19,900.00

ASSETS

Preferred Stock outstanding December 31, 1925	$349,475.00
Individuals Stock Redeemed in 1926.	$12,500.00

It is not known who the individuals were but there was still unredeemed stock held by individuals.)

Preferred Stock purchased by Masonic Bodies in 1926 $900.00
Common Stock, noninterest bearing owned by:

Garfield Lodge No. 569	$33,700.00
McKinley Lodge No.712	$4,200.00
Chapter #117 R.A.M.York Rite	$10,200.00

Council # 90 York Rite		$900.00
Commandery # 41 K.T.York Rite		$10,600.00
Orak Shrine		$1,500.00
Total	$131,100.00	LIABILITIES
Total Capital Stock (Preferred) owned in 1926		$336,075.00
Total Common Stock Owned in 1926		$131,100.00
Sub Total	$467,175.00	
Notes Payable at the Banks		$ 35,000.00
(Liabilities) Grand Total		$502,175.00
Total Cash on Hand		$2284.78

***** 1928 *****

McKinley Officers for 1928 were jointly installed with Garfield Lodge Officers at a Called Meeting on December 20, 1927. The McKinley Officers installed were:

W.M. John C. Rea
S.W. John E. Hathaway
J.W. Raymond M. Fox
S.D. Howard R. Oltz
J.D. Leroy C. McCullum
Tyler Harry L. Bowden
Treas. Frank A. Ambler
Sec'y. August C. Riechers
S.S. James Budge Jr.
J.S. Walter F. Bielefeld
Organist Basil A. Turner

Wor. Bro. George O. Mallett of Garfield Lodge acted as Installing Master, Wor. Bro. Frank Greatbatch acted as Installing Marshal and Wor. Bro. Charles Bounds acted as Chaplin.

The retiring Worshipful Masters were presented Past Master's Jewels as was the custom, and Brother Jacob H. Kasper was presented a beautiful Cogswell chair, for this was his 35th year to serve as Tyler of Garfield with a lot of help to McKinley. McKinley Lodge paid one half of the cost of the chair.

January 31, 1928 was designated as "Metz Night" and our first Worshipful Master presided in the East in conferring the Master Mason Degree on Bro. Clause DeVaul MacGary. February 28, 1928 was "Marganau Night" and our second Master presided in conferring the MM Degree on Bro. Joseph Harry Waxman. March 27, 1928 was designated "Kennedy Night" and our third Master presided in conferring the MM Degree on Bro. Peter Harry Beratis. Thank Goodness for Past Masters who remain active.

At the February 14, 1928 Stated Meeting a Bill for $4.75 for cigars was

presented and passed as was one for $3.75 for cigars at the May 8, 1928 Stated Meeting. Again on July 10th we had a bill for $22.50 for 300 Benbey Cigars. The smoking had to be done outside the Lodge Room. This writer is still puzzled about the purpose of the cigars.

Wednesday, May, 16, 1928 a Masonic Funeral was held in the Parlor of the Temple for Bro. William Morse. W.M. John C. Rea presided, but no mention is made of a Chaplain. Usually the minister of the church of the deceased served in this capacity during these early years. The Secretary, August C. Riechers sang for the service and the minutes of the June Stated Meeting show the Lodge paid him $10.00. This writer noticed that he sang at several Masonic Funerals, so he must have had an outstanding voice.

May 25, 1928 McKinley Lodge returned the visit from Mayfair Lodge No. 1045 A.F. & A.M. in Chicago and conferred the MM Degree on their candidate Bro. Gust William Horn.

A most interesting item to this writer was one of the Bills presented at the June 12, 1928 Stated Meeting. It was for $20.00 to be paid to David Emery, for the Lake County Fresh Air Camp for poor children at Crown Point. This writer remembers attending that camp as a six year old who was frightened to death of the camp and of contracting Tuberculosis. Until now however, he didn't recall how "poor" the family must have been although he had to live with his grandparents in Terre Haute one summer. He was always told that these were vacations.

Belatedly, sixty one years later, this writer gives thanks to McKinley Lodge for the help given him as a child.

June 19, 1928, the Oltz family set another McKinley record. They occupied the following stations in conferring the EA Degree on Norman Steven Oltz:

W.M. Lyman P. Oltz;	S.W. Allen C. Oltz;	J.W. Arthur E. Oltz;
S.D. Howard R. Oltz;	J.D. Harry B. York;	S.S. Russell M.Oltz;
J.S. Harry M. Oltz		

That is a family record as yet unsurpassed in McKinley Lodge.

June 25, 1928, Olive Branch Lodge No.38, A.F. & A.M. of Danville, Illinois conducted Masonic Services for Brother Thomas Harlan of McKinley Lodge. This was the first Masonic Service for a member of McKinley held by another Lodge at our request.

Masonic Services were also conducted in our Temple on July 14, 1928 for Bro. Jesse M. Fuller. In this case, Wor. Master John C. Rea presided and the services were conducted by Rev. Henry P.Deal. We still had no official Chaplain.

Another first for McKinley Lodge occurred on September 4, 1928, but was not one we like to report. This was the first time since its inception that the Lodge was without a candidate on a regular Called Meeting night. Besides the officers there were three visitors present. After opening on the MM Degree the Lodge was immediate closed in form on the same degree.

The economy was still on a roller coaster and at the September 11, 1928 Stated Meeting, an amendment to the By-Laws was proposed to reduce the annual dues from $15.00 to $10.00 effective January 1929. The resolution was later adopted at the October Stated Meeting.

Monday, October 1, 1928 another Masonic Funeral was held in the Temple. It was for Bro. Henry Krug. The service was given by the Reverend Mr. Charles C. Ford, acting as Chaplain.

The personal interest of McKinley Lodge in the Masonic Home at Franklin, Indiana is shown by a letter from the home read at the October 9, 1928 Stated Meeting. It was a notice that the children of the late Bro. Jesse M. Fuller had been accepted by the Masonic Home at Franklin and would be "put on a waiting list for admission when an opening occurred." These children were Lola Jane Fuller and Gordon E. Fuller. The Lodge made and carried a motion that Wor. Bro. Charles A. Bounds be authorized to go to the Masonic Home in Franklin, Indiana to confer with the Superintendent Bro. F.W. Boyd to urge the acceptance of the children into the Home as soon as possible.

The annual Senior Wardens Night held on October 13, 1928 is of special interest to this writer. The candidate for the Master Mason Degree was from St. John's Lodge No. 1, A.F. & A.M of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. He was John Henry Tucker. This writer had the privilege in the York Rite, of working closely for a few years with Bro. Tucker. He was so proud of being a member of Portsmouth, New Hampshire Lodge No. 1, he would never demit to join us in Hammond. He also never forgot the MM Degree conferred on him by the following Wardens after dinner on "Senior Warden Night" at McKinley Lodge.

P.A. Peterson,	S.W. of Whiting Lodge	as Wor. Master
R. Talbat,	JW. of Whiting Lodge	as Sen. Warden
W.A. McClelland,	S.W. of East Chicago	as Jr. Warden
R.A. Dellett,	S.W. of Valparaiso	as Sen. Deacon
Delbert Hayden,	J.W. of Lowell Lodge	as Jr. Deacon
Eldridge Hoyt,	J.W. of Indiana Harbor	as Sen. Steward
Raymond M. Fox,	J.W. of McKinley, 712	as Jr.Steward

The Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, Roscoe Kiper, of the Grand Lodge of Indiana was present and honored at the Annual Senior Wardens Night. This was also a night for fond remembrance of Bro. John Tucker. On October 30, 1928, Three Oaks Lodge No. 239, Three Oaks, Michigan visited McKinley and conferred the MM Degree on Bro. Norman Steven Oltz.

A communication from the Grand Master requested financial assistance for Puerto Rico Hurricane Relief. McKinley voted $25.00 to the cause at the November 13, 1928 Stated Meeting.

Following the Election of Officers at the Annual Stated Meeting in December 1928, the announcement was made that the Actual Past Master Degree would be conferred December 20, 1928. This was another first in McKinley Lodge. The Degree was conferred on Bros. Yens Anderson of Garfield Lodge and John E. Hathaway of McKinley Lodge, according to the Ritual of the Grand Lodge.

Wor. Bro. Lindley E. Smith of Garfield acted as Wor. Master.
Wor. Bro. Frank Greatbatch of McKinley acted as Senior Warden.
Wor. Bro. Robert E. Richardson of Garfield acted as Junior Warden.
Wor. Bro. Arthur K. Thompson of Garfield acted as Secretary.
Wor. Bro. Richard I. Farrell of McKinley acted as Senior Deacon.
Wor. Bro. John C. Rea of McKinley acted as Junior Deacon.
Wor. Bro. Homer Dell of Garfield acted as Tyler

During 1928, McKinley Lodge Initiated 14, Passed 12 to the Degree of Fellow-Craft and Raised the following 11 to Master Masons:

Merdith Andresen	Gregory George Baltas
Peter Harry Beratis	Tunis Walter DeVries
William Kronsell	Claude DeVaul McGary
*Charles Vincent McArty	Norman Stevens Oltz
Marshall Gordon Pulsford	Andrew Wagner
Joseph Harry Waxman	

* Charles Vincent McArty became Wor. Master of McKinley Lodge in 1936.

Ralph Henry Benwell and Orville Byron Hayward affiliated by Demit. This writer was close to Bro. Hayward who was the Principal of Irving School and later Clark Jr. Sr. High School in Hammond. The computer used for this history is resting on the desk that once belonged to Bro. Hayward.

Four Brothers died in 1928: (An * denotes a Memorial Service)

Jesse M. Fuller*	Thomas Harlan*
Henry Julius Krug*	William Morse*

Two Bothers Demitted: Carroll McKinley Mitchell and C. Bonar Tinkham.

There were five suspensions for nonpayment of dues.

***** 1929 *****

Another "Joint Installation of Officers" with Garfield Lodge took place at 7:30 P.M. on Saturday, December 22, 1928. The following McKinley Officers were installed for 1929:

W.M. John E. Hathaway	S.D. Leroy McCullum
S.W. Raymond Fox	J.D. James Budge Jr.
J.W. Howard Oltz	S.S. Walter F. Bielefeld
Treas. Frank Ambler	J.S. John B. Stoer
Sec'y. August C. Riechers	Tyler Harry L. Bowden

For the first time since 1920, an Organist, Basil A. Turner, was installed.

The Stated Meeting of January 8, 1929 brought forth a bill of $15.00 for cigars to Bro. R.T. Williams. Money to the Masonic Relief in the amount of $25.00 was sent to Louisiana Relief Lodge No.1.

January 29, 1929 the Officers of 1920 were invited to confer the Fellowcraft Degree on four candidates and Wor. Master Hathaway was honored by being permitted to act as Junior Steward due to the absence of a 1920 Officer.

At the Stated Meeting of March 12, 1929, a bill was passed to pay $4.00 for coal for Mrs. Blood. The bill was to David Johnson & Company. Charity has always been a hallmark of McKinley Lodge.

The Lodge first purchased Sheet Music for the Organist from Benson Co. Inc., of Chicago in the amount of $53.66. The approval was given at the April 9, 1929 Stated Meeting. Thank goodness today our Organist furnishes all the written music he plays. At the same meeting the Lodge authorized payment of $22.50 to R.T. Williams for 300 Cigars. (What did they do with 300 cigars?)

At a Called Meeting on April 23, 1929 the Worshipful Master, Fay Lammering of Triluminar Lodge No.767 of Chicago, Illinois, conferred the first section of the MM Degree in Illinois Form. The second section was conferred by Wor. Master Yens Anderson of Garfield Lodge. The candidate was Charles Edward Lanham. Throughout the month of April McKinley's Past Masters were very active in all the degree work.

What do you know! At the May 7, 1929 Stated Meeting, two bills for cigars were passed. One for $5.50 to Nelson's Drug Store and the second to R.T. Williams for $15.00. The Lodge also authorized $50.00 for Expenses connected with attending Grand Lodge. Two other interesting bills were allowed. One to the Chicago North Shore & Milwaukee R.R. Co. for $186.92, and the second to the Chicago South Shore & South Bend R.R. Co., in the amount of $108.68.

An item of interest was the Funeral Service of Bro. David C. Hays on June 8, 1929. The Lodge met in the Lodge Hall, opened on the Master Mason Degree, and then proceeded from the Lodge Hall to the residence at 574 Wilcox Street where they took charge of the body and a Masonic Memorial Service was held. Wor. Master John E. Hathaway presided and Wor. Bro. Otto Morbeck from Garfield Lodge acted as Chaplain. This is the first indication of another Lodge Brother acting as Chaplain at a McKinley Masonic Funeral.

June 26, 1929 McKinley visited Whiting Lodge No. 613, Whiting, Indiana and conferred the MM Degree on Maurice M. Cole of Whiting Lodge. The candidate was the brother-in-law of our Wor. Master John C. Hathaway.

July 30, 1929, the Lodge journeyed to Utopia Lodge No. 894 at Chicago, Illinois where McKinley conferred the MM Degree on a McKinley candidate.

A resignation letter from Senior Warden Raymond Fox who had to move from Hammond was read and accepted with great regret. He had devoted several years to McKinley Lodge.

At the September 10, 1929 Stated Meeting, Brother Howard R. Oltz was elected to fill the vacancy of Sen. Warden Raymond Fox and Bro. Leroy McCullum was elected Junior Warden. Also at this meeting, a $25.00 donation was voted for the Daughters of Job, and Bro. Gregory Baltas presented McKinley Lodge with a Bible for the Alter.

Ah ha! We have a $15.00 bill for cigars paid to R.T.Williams at the October 8, 1929 Stated Meeting. On November 8, 1929 Lodge opened on the MM Degree then proceeded to Triluminar Lodge No. 767 in South Chicago where McKinley conferred the MM Degree, Indiana Form on our candidate, Jess Leroy Petty, with prior approval of both the Indiana and Illinois Grand Masters.

Annual Wardens Night was held on November 9, 1929 and there were 32 members, the Officers and 118 visitors present as shown on the register. Wardens from the following Lodges participated in conferring the MM Degree.

1st Section

Frank Dawson, S.W. of East Chicago Lodge No. 595	as W.M.
A.F. Olsen, S.W of Arcadia No.1138, Lansing, Ill.	as S.W.
Edgar C. Stoeffhass, S.W. of Hebron Lodge No.502	as J.W.
Frank S. Patz, S.W. of Colfax Lodge No. 378	as S.D.
Max T. Willer, J.W. of Arcadia No. 1138	as J.D.
Harold Brownell, J.W. of East Chicago No. 595	as S.S.
Frank M. Sharp, J.W. of East Chicago No. 595	as J.S.
C.J. Fleck, S.W. of Harvey No.832 Harvey, Ill.	as Sec'y.
B.L. Thorp, J.W. of Whiting Lodge No. 613	as Treas.

2nd Section

B.L. Thorp, J.W. of Whiting Lodge	in the East
Frank Sharp, J.W. of East Chicago Lodge	in the West
C.J. Fleck, S.W. of Harvey	as S.D.
Edgar Stoeffhass, S.W. of Hebron	as J.D.
A.F. Olson, S.W. of Arcadia 1138, Lansing, IL	as S.S.
Frank Dawson, S.W. of East Chicago	as J.S.
Harold Brownell, J.W. of Cofax Lodge	as Sec'y.
Max T. Miller, J.W. of Arcadia 1138, in Illinois	as Treas.

The McKinley candidate was Emmett Royal Tuck. It must have been interesting to see Wardens of Illinois and of Indiana working in the same degree.

At the November 12, 1929 Stated Meeting Christmas Gifts for the Fuller Children at the Masonic Home were authorized.

November 30, 1929, was the Annual Past Masters Night held jointly with Garfield Lodge in McKinley's Lodge Room. The MM Degree was conferred on a Garfield candidate by Past Masters of both Lodges. There were 37 McKinley members, other than the Officers, and 148 visitors who signed the register. Lodge opened at 7:30 P.M. and no mention was made of a dinner prior to the degree work. This meeting was the beginning of a regular assignment of the three principal Craft Parts in the MM Degree to Bros. Farrell, Bounds and Weil, for special occasions. Any Old Timer will tell you that these three really learned how to handle the parts.

A remembrance should be made of the fact that before Bro. Raymond Fox, Senior Warden, had to leave the area, his cottage on a nearby lake was the setting for several weekends of fun for the Official McKinley Family. On some of those occasions it is said they sank low enough to eat their own cooking, bad as it was.

The December 10, 1929 Annual Meeting, brought another election of their principal Officers for the ensuing year. It also brought advanced expenses for the annual New Year's Eve Party in the amount of $200.00. The party was still being held.

During 1929, McKinley Lodge Initiated 20, Passed 18, and Raised the following 17 to the Degree of Master Masons:

Ralph Harold Bremer	Lloyd Wesley Coover
Harry Arthur Fowler	Nicholas Kirsch
Charles E. Lanham	Geoprge L. Iarson
William Jerome McClurg	Jess Leroy Petty
Carl Ezra Pleak	Theodore Radle
Glen Mark Surprise	Emmett Royal Tuck

Clifford Underwood
Herbert J. Newkirk
Paul Granton West
Henri Waxman
Charles Leslie Bemisderfer

The following eight Master Masons affiliated:

Louis Nelson Cook
Herbert William Detroit
Carl Dewey McFarland
Fred Wesley Timmerman
James W. Dye
George Newport Gilbert
Arthur Thornton
Norman Barfoot Whale

Brother David C. Hayes, * died and Brother Anton Herman Tapper, demitted.

Five Brothers were suspended:

***** 1930 *****

Saturday, December 21, 1929 a Joint Installation of the 1930 Officers of Garfield and McKinley was held in McKinley Lodge Hall. Seventeen members and seven visitors, other than the Officers being installed and the Installing Officers were present.

The Installing Master was Wor. Bro. George O. Mallett, with Wor. Bros. Frank Greatbatch acting as Marshal and Wor. Bro. Charles Bounds acting as Chaplain. The McKinley Officers installed were:

W.M. Howard R. Oltz
S.W. LeRoy C. McCullum
J.W. James Budge Jr.
Treas. Frank Ambler
Sec'y. John E. Hathaway
S.D. Walter F. Bielefeld
J.D. John B. Stoehr
S.S. Lyman P. Oltz
J.S. Arthur O. Thornton
Organist Basil A. Turner
Tyler Harry L. Bowden

Retiring Masters John E. Hathaway and Yens Anderson were presented with beautiful emblematic rings in token of their service to their respective Lodges.

The January 14, 1930 Stated Meeting, brought the monthly payment of $1000.00 due the Masonic Building Association. This was one third of the $3000.00 McKinley paid per year in addition to the original stock purchase. The balance on hand reported at this meeting was only $1544.42. Past Masters Night was held January 28, 1930, and seven Past Masters of McKinley conferred The Fellowcraft Degree on ten candidates. The Past Masters were:

Merritt D. Metz	1919	as W.M.
Harry W. Margenau	1920	as S.W.
Arthur Roy See	1922	as J.W.
Charles A. Bounds	1924	as S.D.
Richard I. Farrell	1926	as J.D.
Oscar F. Weil	1927	as S.S.
John C. Rea	1928	as J.S.

At the February 11, 1930 Stated Meeting, McKinley paid $19.00 to R.T. Williams for cigars. How about that!

February 25, 1930 was designated Harry Margenau Night and eleven Past Masters, under his leadership in the East, conferred the MM Degree on three candidates under the watchful eye of 66 members and 50 visitors.

Following the business portion of the March 11, 1930 Stated Meeting, the Officers of Waukegan Lodge No. 78 of Waukegan, Illinois under their Worshipful Master William H. Hogrewe, conferred the MM Degree in Illinois form on Bros. George Plant and William Zorbas of McKinley Lodge.

The April 8, 1930 Stated Meeting, brought forth a bill for $1326.00 from the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Rail Road. Visitations were also costly in 1930.

Brother Jocob Kasper presented a beautiful emblem, The Symbol of the Three Lesser Lights, he had made to the lodge and was thanked for his gift and praised for his workmanship. The emblem was placed on the Pedestal of the Lesser Lights at the Called Meeting of April 29, 1930.

The May 13, 1930 Stated Meeting, brought yet another bill for $19.00 to R.T. Williams for "you know what". A bill was also presented from the Shore Line Motorcoach Company for $112.50. We were traveling!

A Masonic Funeral Service was held on May 21, 1930, for Brother Harry Broertjes. A procession was formed to move into the Temple Parlor where a Masonic Memorial Service was conducted. After this, a religious service was held at the First Presbyterian Church by Rev. Bro. John C. Parrett of the church. Following the church service, the Masonic Procession was reformed under Marshal Bro. Jacob H. Kasper with Bro. Otto Morbeck carrying the Great Lights. The procession escorted the body to Elmwood Cemetery and buried it with Masonic Honors. Rev. Bro. John C. Parrett acted as Chaplain with Wor. Master Howard R. Oltz presiding. The Lodge then returned to the Lodge room to close on the MM Degree.

This writer has heard about such Masonic Processions on foot down Hohman Avenue and has verified the above procession did take place.

At the June 10, 1930 Stated Meeting, the balance on hand had reached a low of $897.54. The depression had hit the country and the Lodge. The balance was to go still lower.

It was at this meeting that the petition for restoration from Bro. Thomas E. Nelson was received and at the July 8, 1930 Stated meeting he was again elected.

A letter was received from Lola Jane Fuller at the Masonic Home in Franklin, Indiana containing a newspaper article of the death of the Home Superintendent, Bro. Fletcher W. Boyd. It was moved that the letter and the article be made a permanent part of the record of McKinley Lodge.

The Called Meeting of October 6, 1930, was for an inspection at the request of Wor. Bro. Ivory C. Tolle who now had the official title of Grand Lecturer for the State of Indiana. The MM Degree was exemplified in a fine manner.

October 11, 1930 was Annual Warden's Night and Wardens from nine surrounding Lodges conferred the MM Degree. Among the visitors was the Right Worshipful Brother Ira H. Church, Deputy Grand Master of Indiana. Present were 26 Masters and Past Masters, 17 members and 120 visitors. The candidate, Bro. Charles John Schwartz, was greatly impressed as were all present.

On October 25, 1930 Aurora Lodge No. 30 of Milwaukee, Wisconsin was welcomed at a joint meeting of Garfield and McKinley Lodges. They conferred the EA Degree using the German Language and an ancient French Rite for the entire degree on an exemplar, Bro. Adam Funk, who was a Master Mason of Garfield Lodge. Although there was considerable confusion around the register table and many failed to register, the attendance was estimated at 450.

At the November 11, 1930 Stated Meeting, the Annual New Year's Eve Celebration for 1930 was canceled "owing to the present financial depression and shortage of Lodge funds".

November 15, 1930 was designated as Past Masters Night and all stations were filled by Past Masters who conferred the MM Degree on Garfield Candidate, William Felix Melson Jr. During the dinner on the third floor of the Temple, the Hammond Technical Vocational High School Band under the direction of Brother Nilo Hovey, entertained over 300 members and guests. Bro. Hovey had recently (April 18, 1930) been raised in McKinley Lodge.

In 1934, this band became the United States High School National Champions. This writer had the privilege of playing under Nilo Hovey in a band sponsored by the Lever Brothers Company in 1939. The band practiced on Thursday nights at Clark High School. There was never a finer musician in this region

than Nilo Hovey. He was later directed by Superintendent of Schools, Lee L. Caldwell, to take over both the Hammond High and the Hammond Tech Bands. This was difficult because he had developed excellent bands in both schools and at contest time he was in the middle.

Hovey later accepted the position of Department Head of Music at Butler University in Indianapolis and demitted from McKinley. Throughout the years from 1934 to 1985, the 1934 Hammond Tech Band held yearly reunions in later years this writer was invited and attended. This writer was presenting a copy of his "Commemorative Chronicle, A History of Hammond High" to Mr. Hovey when disaster struck in the middle of the speech.

In front the reunion group in a restaurant in South Bend, in 1985, Mr. Hovey collapsed and an ambulance had to be called to take him to the hospital. As the speaker at this gathering, this writer was genuinely shaken. Bro. Hovey died a few months later. This writer was able to get the 24 by 30 inch picture of the 1934 Hammond Tech Band framed and placed in the School City of Hammond's Historical and Memorabilia Room at the Hammond Area Career Center on Sohl Street in Hammond.

The picture of the band with director Hovey was taken on the stage of the Parthenon Theater in Hammond in 1934. There was no suitable place in the old Tech Building on Russell Street for "Bodie" to take the picture.

The Parthenon Theater in Hammond has since been torn down but there are still members of that band alive and well around the Hammond area. As can be seen, this writer had tremendous respect and admiration for Brother Nilo Hovey.

Bro. Darwin Eret of McKinley Lodge, a long time Hammond Instrumental Music teacher started this writer on a music avocation that has lasted a life time. Wor. Bro. Lamb lists him, as does this writer among those who were raised in 1930 but the minutes only show his EA Degree being conferred on November 18, 1930. Another well known Hammond figure Raised in 1930 who must be mentioned was Bro. Thomas John Martinson, Chief of Police in Hammond who became Wor. Master in 1937.

Bro. Bros. David W. Beach and Orval A. Fleener were also raised in 1930 and each became Master of the Lodge in 1953 and 1963 respectively.

Garfield Lodge and McKinley Lodge exchanged visits on November 18, 1930 and on December 2, 1930, conferring the MM Degree on candidates of their respective Lodges.

During 1930 McKinley Lodge Initiated 34, Passed 36 and Raised the following 37 to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

Guy Willard Abbott
Adelbert Bailey
David Wade Beach
Flint Berdine
John Freeman Beaver
Russell Arthur Burke
Harry Harold Chiplovitz
Cleo Ernest Cole
William Lee Cole
Gordon E. Collins
Jesse Elias Diltz
John Way Diltz
Raymond Cecil Downey
Darwin Eret
*Orval A. Fleener (1963)
Dale Welsh Gray
Earl Rowley Hart
Irving Hatlerode
Nilo Wellington Hovey
Albert George Keldernich
Bert Walter Kronsell
Wiliam Kraus
Isadore Levin
Frederick Kynaston Mac Donald
*Thomas John Martinson
Herbert J. Newkirk
George Plant
Warren Drawn Way
Charles John Schwarz
Benjamine Beryl Shanda
Henry John Tompary
Anson Waldo
Robert Earl Weber
Joseph Alvin Williams
Leslie Harold Young
Edward Zolla
William Zorbas

((A * above, denotes a future Wor. Master of the Lodge)

Two were reinstated:

Arthur George Johnson
Thomas E.Nelson

There were ten who affiliated in 1930:

Marshal Elliot Belshaw
Allen Jacob Conant
Mervin Francis Davis
John Clynn Ellyson
William Edward Guy
Russell Wilson Hardman
Richard Francis Hoyt
Charles August Johnson
Walter David Stoddard
Emmanual John Thompson

Brother Harry Broertjes died in 1930. *

Homer Little Rivers and George Alfred Neal demitted.

There were eleven suspensions for nonpayment of dues.

***** 1931 *****

The following McKinley Officers for 1931 were Installed at a Joint Installation meeting of Garfield and McKinley Lodges in Garfield's Lodge Room on December 27, 1930.

W.M. Leroy C. McCullum
S.W. James Budge Jr.
J.W. Walter F. Bielefeld
Sec'y. John E. Hathaway, P.M.
Treas. Frank A. Ambler
Tyler Charles A. Johnson

S.D. John B. Stoehr
J.D. Lyman P. Oltz
S.S. Arthur O. Thornton
J.S. Charles V. McArty
Organist Basil A. Turner

At a Called Meeting on February 24, 1931, Bro. Jacob Kasper presented the Lodge with an illuminated Letter "G" which he had made and placed in proper position above the Master's Chair.

Bro. John Elbert Foudray who became Master in 1946, was raised on March 3, 1931, and on April 7, 1931, McKinley was visited by Triluminar Lodge No. 767 of Chicago, Illinois. They conferred the MM Degree on their candidate Bro. Eugene Hall, in Illinois Form.

A surprise reception was held after the June 9, 1931 Stated Meeting. It was in honor of Wor. Master Leroy C. McCullum who had been appointed as Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Indiana. All Grand Lodge Officers had been invited and most sent regrets, but Past Grand Master Harry B. Tuthill was present and gave a fine talk. There were many representatives from both Illinois and Indiana Lodges, who were there to congratulate Wor. Master Leroy C. McCullum.

During the meeting a bill for $15.00 for cigars was passed as was one for $12.50 to Wor. Bro. Greatbatch for his expenses at Grand Lodge. It would appear from the lack of an expense for Grand Lodge entry in the minutes, that Wor. Master Leroy McCullum paid his own expenses.

The July 14, 1931 Stated Meeting, brought the sad news of a new low in our lowest Financial status. The balance on hand was reported as $799.73, and very little in reserve. The national depression was hurting everything.

September 29, 1931 was designated "Police Night" and an all Police Degree Team conferred the MM Degree on Bro. Lyle B. Langdon. This writer remembers Bro. Langdon as a trumpet player converted to Baratone Sax, in an all Masonic Dance Band we played in together for years.

The degree team was headed by the Hammond Chief of Police.

First Section
Chief Thomas J. Martinson as W.M.
Russell Oltz as S.W.
Harry Rimbach as J.W.
Herbert Newkirk as S.D.
Carl D. McFarland as J.D.
Ernest Steffy as S.S.

Second Section
Roy C. McCutcheon in East
Harry Rimbach in West
George Plant as Sec'y.
Herbert Newkirck as S.D.
Russell Oltz as J.D.
Chief Martinson 1-T

Adam Funk as J.S.	Renus Elman	2-T
Basil A. Turner , Organist	Carl McFarland	3-T
Charles A. Johnson, Tyler	Ernest Steffy	1-C
	Adam Funk	2-C
	Walter Wittig	3-C
	George Plant	S.C.
	William Albertson	W.F.

This All Police Degree Team did outstanding work and repeated their performance on December 1, 1931. It was most commendable that the Police Chief found so much good in Masonry that he promoted it among the Police Officers in Hammond without duress. Most of the Officers came to the conclusion that Masonry was trying to make good men even better in their character and service to others.

The national depression was even affecting Grand Lodge. At the Stated Meeting of October 13, 1931, a letter from Grand Master Ira H. Church, called attention to the necessity of maintaining the "Masonic Relief Fund" as required by Grand Lodge Regulations, and directed each Lodge to make "special efforts to care for any of it's members requiring relief during the present period of depression."

Unfortunately a letter from the Grand Secretary was also read which set forth a requirement for a $2500.00 Bond for our Treasurer and a $600.00 Bond for our Secretary.

At the Stated Meeting on November 10, 1931 it was necessary to reject a request for financial assistance from the Hammond Community Chest. We informed them that our Masonic Charity funds were depleted and we had a remaining obligation to try to help our members who were in need of assistance. Unfortunately, Delinquent Notices had to be sent to 27 members after this meeting. With all the Doom and Gloom around the Lodge decided to revive the New Years Eve Party with Garfield Lodge but the expenses were to be kept to the minimum.

Friday night, November 13, 1931 was designated as Past Master's Night to be held jointly with Garfield Lodge. The Past Masters present were escorted into the Lodge Room and Introduced.

A brief tribute to the deceased Past Masters was given by Wor. Bro. Charles Bounds of McKinley and Wor. Bro. Otto Morbeck of Garfield Lodge. There were 39 McKinley members present along with 46 Garfield members and 50 visitors.

Nineteen Past Masters then conferred the MM Degree on Bro. Anthony William Kolens of McKinley Lodge. After the work, a fine dinner was served in the Arabian Room on the first floor of the Temple.

The Police Degree Team went to work again through an invitation from Whiting Lodge No.613 for November 16, 1931. On December 1, 1931, they conferred another excellent MM Degree in McKinley Lodge on Bro. John Mack McCain. There were 34 members and 44 visitors present that night.

The December 8, 1931 Stated Meeting, brought another election followed on December 11, by the Actual Past Masters Degree. It was conferred on Master Elect James Budge by the Past Masters of McKinley and Garfield Lodges.

During 1931 McKinley Lodge Initiated 14, Passed 12, and Raise the following 14 to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

Elbert Logan Woodbridge
Jack Otto Bachman
Arthur Jones Walstrum
Anthony William Kolens
John Mack McCain
*John Elbert Foudray (1946)
Winfield Henry Rotchar
George Jefferson Lentz
Lyle Burdette Langdon
Rosco Hall Colby
Charles Anthony Workman
Harry Edison Foster
Carl Jay Nelson
Victor Mattson

Three Affiliated:
Lester Gray Brooks
Alvin Bernard Lowe
William Garrett Whitehead

Two died: Allen Albin Elliot
Arthur Edwin Oltz*

There were four who demitted:
Russell Wilson Hardman
Guy C. White
Archie Harold Smith
Allen Jacob Conant

There were seventeen suspensions for nonpayment of dues.

***** 1932 *****

Installation of the 1932 Officers for McKinley and Garfield Lodges was held on December 15, 1931. Those Installed for McKinley Lodge were:

W.M. James Budge
S.W. Walter F. Bielefeld
J.W. John B. Stoehr
Sec'y. John E. Hathaway
Treas. Frank A. Ambler
Tyler Charles A. Johnson
S.D. Lyman P. Oltz
J.D. Arthur O. Thornton
S.S. Charles V. McArty
J.S. Thomas J. Martinson
Organist Basil A. Turner

A letter from the Grand Master was read at the January 12, 1932 Stated

Meeting, outlined plans for the Grand Lodge celebration of the two hundred year anniversary of the Birth of George Washington, with a request for all lodges to cooperate in making the celebration a success.

April 5, 1932, McKinley Lodge held a George Washington Celebration. A fitting presentation of the flag was as follows: The Flag was escorted by the Knight Templars under the leadership of Eminent Commander Edward Dowling with Brothers Jacques, Stewart and Davis properly costumed to depict the Spirit of 1976. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and America's Creed. The speaker for the evening was Bro. Adolph Star, who continued speaking about George Washington to the point where the Craft waiting to confer the degree decided they would have to do it another time in spite of the costumes they were wearing and their preparation.

Entertainment was provided by the "Shrine Quartet" and several tableaus depicting the life of George Washington as a man and a Mason were given.

March 15, 1932, Garfield Lodge Officially visited McKinley and on April 25, 1932, McKinley visited Kankakee Lodge No. 389, Kankakee, Illinois. The Police Degree Team under the direction of our Junior Steward, Chief Tom Martinson, conferred the MM Degree on Bro. Virgil Robert Hill of McKinley Lodge.

At the Stated Meeting of May 10, 1932, the Secretary, acting for Past Master A.Roy See, presented the Lodge with a gavel made from timber taken from the roof of the White House in Washington while it was under restoration.

McKinley visited Colfax Lodge No. 378 in Lowell, Indiana and conferred the MM Degree on a cousin of McKinley Secretary, Bro. George William Hathaway of Colfax Lodge.

The highlight of the June 14, 1932 Stated Meeting, was the report by Wor. Master James Budge on the Meeting of Grand Lodge, and the low point was having only $211.05, balance on hand in the till.

July 22, 1932, McKinley Lodge held a Masonic Funeral Service for Brother Robert Brown on behalf of Beulah Lodge No. 578, of Mount Vernon, Indiana. Assisting Wor. Master Budge was the Reverend Buel D. Horn of Hyde Park Methodist Church. The services were held at Emmerling Funeral Home. This writer was well acquainted with Rev. Horn. Every Sunday this writer was required by his parents to accompany them to Hyde Park Methodist Church to attend the service in a most attentive manner.

Inspection by R.W. Bro. Ivory C. Tolle was held on September 30, 1932, and his letter to the Grand Master of our outstanding performance brought praise to McKinley Lodge from the Grand Master. The degree inspected was the Fellowcraft and Bro. Gail Fauver acted as the candidate.

Right Worshipful Brother Ivory C. Tolle, Grand Lecturer, was made an honorary member of McKinley Lodge at their October 11, 1932 Stated Meeting.

The October 11, 1932 balance on hand at this Stated Meeting was only $164.26, the lowest reported at a Stated Meeting in the History of McKinley Lodge. It was voted that the matter of preferring charges for non-payment of dues would be left to the Officers of the Lodge after their investigations.

Charges against 58 members for nonpayment of dues were made at the November 8, 1932 Stated Meeting. A vote was also taken which rejected by necessity, a request for financial assistance from the United Welfare Association.

Past Masters Night was celebrated on November 22, 1932, and besides the Officers there were 32 members of McKinley, 44 members of Garfield and 44 visitors present. Taps was played at the close of a brief ceremony honoring deceased Past Masters and after all Past Masters present had been introduced the MM Degree was conferred on McKinley candidate Guy Maxey Whitlatch, by 14 Past Masters occupying the stations in both sections of the degree.

Tuesday, December 13, 1932 Stated Meeting, was a most somber one. The high point was the election and appointment of Officers for 1933 and the 27 Brothers who somehow managed to get the money to pay their dues and be removed from the list of those charged at the November Stated. The low point was the necessity to suspend 31 members who were not able to pay.

In 1932, McKinley Lodge Initiated 8, Passed 10 to the Degree of Fellowcraft and Raised 9 to the Sublime degree of Master Mason. The nine are listed as follows:

George Lewis Zerwer
Virgil Robert Hill
Charles Beecher Hester
Herman Rhoad
John Jilek
Phillip Siegel
Earl Henry Hester
Guy Maxey Whitlatch
John Septon Eaton

Bro. John F. Ridenour demitted.

Thirty-one were suspended for nonpayment of dues.

***** 1933 *****

The Installation of Officers for 1933, as usual, was held jointly with Garfield Lodge at a Called Meeting Friday evening, December 16, 1932. The Installing Master was Wor. Bro. John F. Caldwell of Garfield Lodge acting as Grand Master, assisted by Wor. Bro. George Mallet of Garfield as Grand Marshal and Wor. Bro. Leroy McCullum of McKinley as Chaplain. The McKinley Officers installed were:

W.M. Walter F. Bielefeld	S.D. Arthur O. Thornton
S.W. John B. Stoehr	J.D. Charles V. McArty
J.W. Lyman P. Oltz	S.S. Thomas J. Martinson
Treas. Frank Ambler	J.S. Reuben M. Lamb
Sec'y. John E. Hathaway, P.M.	Organist Basil A. Turner
Tyler John A. Johnson	

A proposed amendment to the By-Laws was read at the January 10, 1933 Stated Meeting to reduce the initiation fee from $75.00 plus $5.00 for the Indiana Masonic Home to $45.00 plus $5.00 for the Masonic Home. Future petitions would be accompanied with $50.00 instead of $80.00. The amendment was later adopted at the February 14, 1933 Stated Meeting.

The Masonic Funeral Service for Bro. Karl Frederick Hellwig on February 25, 1933, was orated by Past Master John C. Parrett, Doctor of Divinity and Pastor of the Hammond First Presbyterian Church. He had been Master of Prairie Loge No. 125 in Rensselaer, Indiana before affiliating with McKinley Lodge. The procession went from the Lodge to the Neidow Funeral Home. After the ceremony it was reformed to escort the body to Elmwood Cemetery. The following Brethren acted as pallbearers:

Nilo Hovey; Darwin Eret; William Schillo Jr.; Frank Weber; Frank Jackson; Ben Bomberger. The brethren returned to the Lodge after all ceremonies to close the Lodge on the Master Mason Degree.

A communication from the Grand Master was read at the May 9, 1933 Stated Meeting, stating in the interest of economy, $200.00 could accompany a petition for a period of twelve months only. It also said the Grand Lodge Annual Communication in Indianapolis scheduled for May 23 & 24, 1933, would be eliminated due to the expense involved. The depression was heavy throughout the land.

McKinley made a visitation to Michigan City, Acme Lodge No. 83, F. & A.M. on May 12, 1933. The Acme Lodge conferred the MM Degree on McKinley candidate Dr.Alexander William Rhind. Dr. Rhind was the family doctor of this writer for many years and was highly respected in Blue Lodge and in the Shrine.

At this point, your writer pleads to digress a moment to a Called Meeting of Garfield Lodge on May 31, 1933. Many members of McKinley were present for what was called "Board of Education Night." All stations were filled with educators, each of whom was known by this writer. The MM Degree was conferred on Brother Carl A. Spencer of Garfield Lodge and the stations were filled as follows and this writer indicates their worldly as well as the Masonic Stations they filled that evening.

Worshipful Master - A.W. Clark

Principal of Morton School (K thru 9th grade) then located in the 7000 block on Marshal Avenue in the Hessville area of Hammond. He was a member of Fidelity Lodge No.309 in Sheridan, Indiana.

Senior Warden - Orville A. Hayward

Principal of Irving School (K thru 10) at that time. He later became Principal of George Rogers Clark Jr. Sr. High School. He was a member of McKinley Lodge. This history is being written on Bro. Hayward's old desk from Clark High School. It was purchased by Bro. Arnold Corder at a School City auction and this writer purchased it from Bro. Corder.

Junior Warden - James Baldwin

Bro. Baldwin was the Princpal at Washington Junior High School when this writer attended the school for eighth grade in the 1936-37 school year. He later became the Principal of the then new (1937) Edison School (grades K - 10). Today, (1993) there is another new Edison School built on the same site. It is for grades (K -5). Bro. Baldwin was a member of Windfall Lodge No. 334 of Windfall, Indiana.

Senior Deacon - Russell Bailey

Bro. Bailey was a general science teacher at the original wood frame portables named Edison Elementary (grades K - 7). These wooden buildings were on Madison Street between Mulberry and Cherry Streets. This writer knew Bro. Bailey from Hyde Park Methodist Church where his parents were well acquainted with Russell Bailey. Bro. Bailey continued to encourage this writer to work hard on his studies. Bro. Bailey was a member of Branchville Lodge No. 496 of Branchville, Indiana near the
Ohio River.

Junior Deacon - C.C. Weidman

Bro. Weidman was known in those days as a Truant Officer. Today they are called Attendance Officers. This writer did not know him as well as he knew the others who participated that evening. Bro. Weidman was a member of

Escallop Lodge No. 261 of Shell Rock,Iowa.

Senior Steward - Phil Robaska

Bro. Phil Robaska was a long time teacher at Morton High School (the old building on Marshal Avenue). He began his teaching in Hammond at Wilson School (grades K thru 8). He taught Social Studies and was one of the first Guidance Counselors. He and his family were staunch supporters at Hyde Park Methodist Church where his daughter is still a pillar in the church. She is Rosanna Robaska Fowler and is an Attendance Officer with the School City of Hammond. Bro. Robaska was a member of Beecher Lodge No. 1097 Beecher, Illinois and later affiliated with McKinley Lodge.

Junior Steward - Lewis Witham

Brother Witham was this writers teacher of Economics at Hammond High School. He later became Principal at Wilson School. When the Donald E. Gavit Jr. Sr. High School was built, Brother Witham became it's first Principal. This writer became Assistant Superintendent of the Hammond Schools about that time, and worked very closely with Bro. Witham. Bro. Witham was a member of Mentone Lodge No. 576 near Warsaw, Indiana.

Each of the above educators had a high degree of influence on this writer not only as a friend and Brother, but as student to teacher, fellow teacher to teacher, administrator to teacher, and fellow school administrator. They were outstanding men and Masons.

This writer now returns to events relating solely to McKinley Lodge and apologizes for the detour.

A Masonic Memorial Service on behalf of Wallace Lodge No. 495 of Wallace, Indiana for Bro. Edgar Ernest Newkirk was performed by McKinley Lodge on August 4, 1933, including burial ceremonies at Elmwood Cemetery.

October 3, 1933, was designated "Betz Night." Brother Frank S. Betz gave an illustrated talk about his trip around the world. He presented Gavels to McKinley and to Garfield Lodges were made of Olive Wood from the Holy Land and sprigs of Acacia from that area.

The resignation of Senior Warden John B. Stoehr from his office due to his work schedule was presented at the October 10, 1933 Stated Meeting, but no action on acceptance was taken until the regular election of officers in December. McKinley's potential Master for the ensuing year had to give up after coming such a long way on the path that leads to the purple of our fraternity. This was the second time this happened to McKinley Lodge.

During 1933, McKinley Lodge Initiated 13, Passed 13, and Raised 11 to the Degree of Master Masons. Among those raised in 1933, was Richard Grobner. Years later Bro. Grobner was to befriend this writer in a way that exemplified the very spirit of Masonry when there were many antagonists.

Those Raised to the Sublime Degree in 1933 were:

Edward Palmateer
John William Dilts
Harold Siegfried Hansen
William Christian Gruener
Norman Albetus Tapper
Paul Aage Nelson
Dr.Alexander William Rhind
Richard Grobner
Lue Carl Gross
Benjamin Shrago
Albert Fred Schultz

One member, Lewis McDaniel, affiliated.

There were four deaths during the year:
Karl Fredrick Hellwig*
Carl Ezra Pleak
Louis Frederick Becker
Clyde Cleveland.

William Siegel demitted.

Seventeen were suspended for nonpayment of dues.

Because of illness, unemployment and misfortune, the dues for twenty-three members were remitted in 1933.

The Lodge voted at the December 16, 1933 Stated Meeting, to spend $10.00 for Christmas presents for the two Fuller children at the Masonic Home.

It was a difficult year for the Lodge as no one had any money. Not many visitations to other Lodges were made. Few prospective candidates had the money to knock on the Door of Masonry seeking admission.

***** 1934 *****

On December 20, 1933 the following Officers were Installed for 1934 by Wor. Bro. Margenau was the Installing Master. Wor. Bro. George O. Mallett of Garfield Lodge, acted as the Installing Marshal. Wor. Bro. Otto Morbeck of Garfield acted as Grand Chaplain. This was another Joint Installation with Garfield Lodge. These Joint Installations had become a high point of the year for both McKinley and Garfield Lodges.

Installed to serve McKinley Lodge for 1934 were:

W.M. Lyman P. Oltz
S.W. Arthur O. Thorton
J.W. Vincent McArty
Treas. Frank A. Ambler
Sec'y. John E. Hathaway, P.M.
Tyler Charles A. Johnson

S.D. Thomas J. Martinson
J.D. Reuben M. Lamb
S.S. James G. Handley
J.S. William F. Stuart
Organist Basil A. Turner

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For the first time in McKinley's History, a Chaplain was installed. It was Wor.Bro. Leroy C. McCullum.

At the January 2, 1934 Called Meeting, Brother Fred Doyle, who became Master of the Lodge (1942) received his Master Mason Degree. The degree was conferred by his fellow workers at the Chicago District Generating Corporation (The State Line Generating Plant)in an "excellent Manner".

First Section
W.M. Bro. James Clark
S.W. Bro. McKane
J.W. Bro. Greenlee
S.D. Bro. Hill
J.D. Bro. Jackson
S.S. Bro. Radovan
J.S. Bro. Bro. Miles
Chaplain Wor. Bro. Frye

Second Section
K.S. Wor. Bro McKane
K.H. Bro. Radovan
S.D. Bro.Hill
Sec'y. Bro. James Clarke
1-T Bro. Margrave
2-T Bro. Greenlee
3-T Bro. Jackson
1-C Bro. Pohle
2-C Bro. Orth
3-C Wor. Bro. Frye
W.F.M. Wor.Bro. Anderson
S.C. Bro. Hoffman

Very few of these workers were members of McKinley Lodge which speaks well for their high esteem for Bro. Doyle. He died before this writer got to know him but having taught two of his children the Masonic Influence of high character was plainly evident.

February 10, 1934, was designated as "Annual Past Master's Night." It was held with Garfield Lodge and Garfield's Past Masters conferred the first section of the MM Degree. The second section was conferred by the Past Masters of McKinley. The two candidates were Birch Felix of Garfield and Erwin Weiss of McKinley. The refreshments between the sections were prepared by Bro. Thomas J. Martinson and his "amiable wife". As usual, the men got credit for excellent degree work while the women did a lot of work without much credit.

At the conclusion of Labors in the Temple the workers were vigorously applauded for their exemplary work. Today, such applause is forbidden.

At the Stated Meeting on February 13, 1934, a letter was read from Lola Fuller

from the Masonic Home. She was requesting $3.00 to buy a pair of shoes. This writer could not locate a copy of this letter but it must have been a difficult letter for the youngster to write. The Lodge immediately moved that a voucher be drawn for the amount of the purchase for the shoes.

February 27, 1934, the Wor. Master Benjamine Washer and several of his officers from Washington Park Lodge No. 956 of Chicago, visited McKinley and conferred the MM Degree on McKinley candidate Herman Shrago.

The first noted Lodge of Instruction by McKinley Officers was held on March 6, 1934, "to correct each other on any deviation from the ritual."

McKinley Lodge traveled by bus to Kilwinning Lodge #149 in Plymouth, Indiana where they conferred the MM Degree on McKinley candidate Clayton Wood Martin on Saturday, April 21, 1934. Twenty-eight McKinley members and thirty-one visitors made the trip. One hundred Masons from twenty-three Lodges representing six states were in attendance to see the Degree conferred.

April 28, 1934 was "Rail Road Night." Forty-two members and one hundred and three visitors watched the Rail Road Degree Team confer the MM Degree on fellow worker Bro. Roy Elton Davidson.

We now we detour to a most important event that occurred in Garfield Lodge on May 26, 1934, on their 50th anniversary. It was the rededication of their Lodge by the Officers of the Grand Lodge of Indiana. A dispensation had been granted to move their Charter to the auditorium for the purpose of conferring the MM Degree and the Dedication Ceremonies. There were 112 members and 349 visitors who signed the register that day. This was probably the largest group of Masons to witness the conferring of a degree by a single Lodge in the Calumet Region.

The MM Degree was conferred on the grand nephew of Garfield's first Master, Marcus Towle, who was also Hammond's first Mayor. The candidate, Bro. Charles C. Towle, was also the grandson of Bro. Carrol Towle, the first candidate to be made a Master Mason in Garfield Lodge.

After the Public Dedication Ceremonies by the Grand Lodge at 5:00 P.M., a dinner, the many introductions and the entertainment, the Lodge was tiled at 8:00 P.M., and the degree conferred. This was a high point in Masonry for Hammond because of the very close relationship between Garfield and McKinley. The Officers and members of McKinley were also basking in the glory of Garfield's 50th Anniversary.

A request was read at the June 12, 1934 Stated Meeting, from our Wards, the Fuller Children in the Masonic Home, to visit their grandparents in Pennsylvania during the summer vacation from school. McKinley Lodge

made the arrangements and paid for the trip. We ended the month with a balance on hand of $260.15.

October 8, 1934 brought the Official Visit from Grand Lecturer Ivory C. Tolle to Inspect and Instruct Garfield and McKinley on the E.A. Degree. His comments on the work done by the McKinley Officers were quite favorable.

The November 11, 1934 State Meeting, brought a letter from Garfield requesting a meeting toward the reinstatement of the Annual New Year's Eve Party. Apparently such a meeting was held for the New Years Eve Party was reinstated in 1934.

At the Annual Meeting on December 11, 1934, dues was remitted for five members including Bro. Elhanan W. Miles. We must be careful not to make incorrect inferences over his dues being remitted. It was a way of helping to pay for his services to the Lodge.

Wardens Night was observed Friday, December 14, 1934 in Garfield Lodge. The Wardens of Lake County Lodges were well represented in conferring the MM Degree on Garfield Candidate, Lyle Alexander Jackson "with the assistance of a few Past Masters". Eight Lake County Lodges were involved.

During 1934, McKinley Lodge Initiated 20, Passed 18 and Raised the following 21 to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

Harry Amstein
Roy Elton Davidson
George Carl Gluth
Claude Hanley Johnson
William Enoch Lape
George Robert Means, Jr.
Richard Sessions Redway
James Lucian Scott
Erwin Weiss
Earl Camden Brawley
Birch Felix, Jr.
Allen Oliver Bailey
Matthew Fairlie
Albert Byron Harrison
Max Lewis Hunter
Clayton Wood Martin
Albert Lester Parker
Homer Reeves
Herman Shrago
Ralph Eugene Wright
Fred Doyle

Three Brothers were restored:
Ralph Owen Buhler, Oliver Floyd Monnett and Raymond E.Shaffer

Charles Gerald Garrett, Affiliated

Charles, known to most of us as "Jim" Garrett, was the Geometry Teacher of this writer at Hammond High School. He later became a fellow teacher at the High School and still later, entrusted this writer to wire a new home on Cline Avenue just off 45th St. in Griffith, which he built himself. He was a real tough teacher but an inspiration to this writer as a man and a Mason.

There were four demits in 1934:

Earl Camden Brawley	Richard Francis Dearing
Otis Elroy See	Paul Granton West

There were five who died during the year

Lawrence Morton Hargis*	Edward Holmberg
William Maurice O'Brien*	William Ambrose Williams
James Edward Wolf	

***** 1935 *****

After having been duly elected and appointed at the December 1934 Annual Stated Meeting, a joint Installation of Officers for 1935 was held with Garfield Lodge Tuesday, December 18, 1934. McKinley Officers Installed were:

W.M. Arthur O. Thornton	S.D. Reuben M. Lamb
S.W. C. Vincent McCarty	J.D. James G. Handley
J.W. Thomas J. Martinson	S.S. William F. Stuart
Treas. Frank A. Ambler	J.S. Gordie H. Cauble
Sec. John E. Hathaway, P.M.	Tyler Charles A. Johnson
	Organist Basil A. Turner

They were Duly Installed by Wor. Bro. John S. Lane as Installing Master, and Howard R. Oltz as Installing Marshal. Bro. Jacob A. Kasper of Garfield Lodge was installed as Tyler for the 42nd straight year.

January 29, 1935 was "Metz Night." McKinley's first Master Wor. Bro. Merritt D. Metz, (1919) assisted by Wor. Bro. Harry W. Marganau (1920), Sec. E.W. Miles (1919 +) and Treas. John C. Agnew were outstanding in conferring the MM Degree on Bro. Loran Archibald Bailey.

It was at the February 12, 1935 Stated Meeting, that the petition of Mr. Salvatore Gallucci was read. Mr. Gallucci was born on February 12, 1888 in Arena, Italy. Emigrated to this country and set up a small one man business as a shoemaker on Michigan Street in Hammond. He was later to become the Worshipful Master of McKinley Lodge in 1948. It was a great achievement of which he and the Lodge were very proud and both benefited greatly.

Tuesday, March 19, 1935, Bro. James O. Handley, of Scottish decent, demonstrated his fine Masonic Ability by obligating Mr. Salvatore Gallucci, of Italian decent on the Entered Apprentice Degree. Bro. Handley's ability or his "Scottish Brogue" were never again questioned. He was so impressive he had the candidate, an Italian, answering with a Scottish accent.

The April 9, 1935 Stated Meeting, brought a letter from Bro. Elmer F. Guy, the

Superintendent of the Indiana Masonic Home. He informed the Lodge that Gordon and Lola Fuller, McKinley's wards at the home, would be graduating from high school on May 5, 1935. The letter went on to state, "after which time their membership in the Masonic Home would be terminated."

This writer has not learned of the events surrounding these two young people following their high school graduation although the Lodge sent graduation gifts to them.

McKinley Lodge made a visitation to Triluminar Lodge in Chicago on Friday, May 24, 1935 and conferred the MM Degree on McKinley candidate Bro. Warner Franklin Blackmun.

At the June 11, 1935 Stated Meeting, a bill of $75.00 was presented and paid to Acting Secretary, Bro. R.C. Slater, for "Grand Lodge Expense." Bro. Slater had been acting on behalf of McKinley Secretary, Wor. Bro. John E. Hathaway.

At the August 13, 1935 Stated Meeting, under "Unfinished Business" the following is recorded. "After considerable discussion relative to the matter of gymnasium proposal submitted by members at the last Stated Meeting, the committee was discharged by the Worshipful Master with thanks of the Lodge."

This proposal reintroduced in 1936, resulted in the auditorium being rented by the School City of Hammond for the purpose of playing the Junior High School Basketball Championship games in the Masonic Temple Auditorium. Bleachers were set up on the stage to augment the seating of the auditorium. This writer played in the eighth grade tournament for Washington School and lost to Columbia School. The auditorium was packed with over fourteen hundred spectators during those two days for all the Junior High School teams were playing in the tournament.

Four of the eighth grade players from the 1936 Championship Columbia School team later went to Hammond Technical Vocational High School and were starters on the Tech Team that won the Indiana State High School Basketball Championship in 1940. Mr.Gilbert Best was the Washington School Coach and Mr. Thomas Rich was the Columbia School coach. To the best of this writers knowledge, neither coach was a member of our fraternity but they were excellent leaders and role models.

Another well known Coach, Mr. Edwin R. Nelson of Hammond High School, petitioned McKinley Lodge with the recommendation of Bros. Walter Thornton and Arthur O. Thornton. The petition was read at the October 8, 1935, Stated Meeting. This writer and Mr. Nelson worked together at Hammond High and at the Central Office Board of Education Building. He was the Director of Attendance and Welfare and we are very good friends to this day.

Under "New Business" at the November 12, 1935 Stated Meeting, new Jewels were ordered for the Stewards, Chaplain and Organist and a Chaplain's apron was ordered. We now had a full complement of Officers including Trustees. The Trustees were all Past Masters elected for staggered three year terms.

During 1935 McKinley Lodge Initiated 16, Passed 17 and Raised the following 17 to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

Clifford William Black	Warner Franklin Blackmun
Durban George Brown*(1947)	Salvatore Gallucci*(1948)
Claude James Harris	Chester Ballard Harrison
"J" "C" Jackson	Lester Kelly
Max Frederick Klee	John Lowery
Robert Lowery	William Frederick Nagel Jr.
Edwin Raymond Nelson	Marion Alger Norris
Walter Thornton	Loran Archibald Bailey
Walter Lee Sanger	

(* Denotes a future Master of McKinley Lodge)

Three were restored to membership in 1935: Charles Edward McCoy, John Joseph Shultner, and Jacob Allen Smith.

Ralph Cyril Pohlplatz affiliated.

Arthur Henry Klug died.

Four were granted a demit:

Mervin Francis Davis	Harley Oliver Elder,
Oliver Floyd Monnett	William Garrett Whitehead

There were twenty suspensions for nonpayment of dues.

***** 1936 *****

Friday, December 27, 1935, at a Joint Meeting in Garfield's Lodge Room, the following McKinley Officers were Installed:

W.M. Vincent McArty	S.D. James G. Handley
S.W. Thomas J. Martinson	J.D. William F. Stuart
J.W. Reuben M. Lamb	S.S. Gordie H. Cauble
Treas.Frank A. Ambler	J.S. Fred Doyle
Sec'y.John E. Hathaway, P.M.	Tyler Charles A. Johnson
	Organist Basil A. Turner

The Installing Master was Wor. Bro. Leroy McCullum with Wor. Bro. George O. Mallett of Garfield Lodge as Marshal. Wor. Bro. John Carl. Parrett D.D., (Past Master of Prairie Lodge 125, Rensselaer, Indiana) was the Installing Chaplain.

A word needs to be said here in behalf of Wor. Bro. Parrett. After completing his Doctor of Divinity Degree, he began his Ministerial and Masonic work in Rensselaer. He came to Hammond as the Minister of the First Presbyterian Church and affiliated with McKinley Lodge. He conducted many Masonic Funeral Services and was an outstanding speaker. Wor. Bro. Parrett became a member of all the York Rite Bodies in Hammond and of Orak Temple A.A.O.N.M.S.

Wor. Bro. Parrett was honored with a dinner by both Garfield and McKinley on September 16, 1932. It was shortly after the Installation Ceremonies for the 1936 Officers that Wor. Bro. Doctor John Carl Parrett died on January 31, 1936.

A tribute to Dr. Parrett appeared in The Hammond Times on February 3, 1936, a little over a month after his role in Installing the 1936 Officers of McKinley and Garfield Lodges. It was written by Dr. James Lawson, the minister of the First Methodist Church in Hammond and was a beautiful tribute to our departed brother Dr. Parrett.

It is interesting that the Installing Officers, including Wor. Bro. Dr. John C. Parrett, on the night of December 27, 1935, completed the Installation Ceremony from memory and were highly complemented.

The minutes of the January 14, 1936 Stated Meeting, contained a report that a profit of $52.12 was made on the New Years Eve Party.

The auditing committee report of February 4, 1936 showed that on January 1, 1935, we had a balance of $706.88 and on December 31, 1935, the balance on hand had improved to $1,305.27. The membership of McKinley Lodge on December 31, 1936 stood at 383. Things were looking up!
February 4, 1936 was amateur night in McKinley Lodge. A fine job was done by first time members who conferred the MM Degree on Garfield Candidate Frank Edward Pokorski. The minutes read as follows: "Few if any of the members had ever filled any of the stations to which they were assigned, but every one of them handled the task assigned him in a most creditable manner, and upon completion of the work they were the recipients of much commendation on the manner in which the MM Degree was conferred. The Masonic Lodges of Hammond are certainly most fortunate in having so fine a bunch of young members so intensely interested in the work. From such as these come the future Officers of the Lodge."

Among those amateurs were the following:

1st Section	2nd Section
William F. Nagle Jr. as W.M.	Claude Johnson as K.S.
Lyle Jackson as S.W	Albert Beland as K.H.
Albert L. Harrison as J.W.	Marion Norris as S.D.
Max Klee as S.D.	Ord. Granger as J.D.
Ord O. Granger as J.D.	Lyle Jackson 1-C
Durban Brown * as S.S.	Durban Brown 2-C
"JC" Jackson as J.S.	William F.Nagle Jr.3-C
Harry Amstein as Chaplain	Homer Reeves 1-T
	Walter Thornton 2-T
	Robert Lowery 3-T
	"JC" Jackson W.F.M.
	Harry Amstein S.C.

At the February 11, 1936 Stated Meeting, the Lodge again paid tribute to Doctor Parrett in recognition of his work for McKinley Lodge and mourned his untimely death.

March 3, 1936, McKinley traveled by bus to Evanston, Illinois to confer the MM Degree on McKinley candidate John Jones Montgomery. There were over 250 who signed the Evanston Lodge No. 524 register that night it was very late when McKinley arrived back home. The cost for the bus was $77.00.

March 20, 1936 was designated as Past Masters Night for both Garfield and McKinley. Past Masters from Lodges in Lake County included Whiting, East Chicago, Indiana Harbor, Gary, Roosevelt and Colfax. From the Illinois side of the state line were Past Masters from Arcadia, Pyramid, Palace, Triluminar, and Humbolt Park Lodges. McKinley had twelve Past Masters present and Garfield had ten. The program was the Masonic Play entitled "The Greatest of These", enacted by the Garfield and McKinley Players.

April 18, 1936 McKinley and Garfield Lodges made a visitation to Jerusalem Temple Lodge No. 90 in Aurora, Illinois. The Hammond Police Degree Team conferred the MM Degree on McKinley candidate Harold Robert Fleming. There was high praise for the work of the Team.

April 25, 1936 McKinley held Masonic Funeral Services on behalf of Thatcher Lodge No. 439 of Cleveland, Ohio for Bro. John C. Kirber. Masonic Services on behalf of McKinley Lodge were conducted by Olive Branch Lodge No. 38 of Danville, Ill. for our Brother Charles Miller on June 9, 1936.

McKinley received visitors from Tipton Lodge No. 35 of Logansport, Indiana and nineteen members of that Lodge conferred the MM Degree on McKinley candidate Keith Jordan Kitzmiller, a former Logansport resident. R.W. Senior Grand Deacon Claude M. Jacoby was present.

Of great interest a few years later was the participation of McKinley with Garfield at the McKinley Stated Meeting of July 14, 1936. The two Lodges subscribed to a full page advertisement in the Orak Shrine Program for a Christmas Party to be held for "the poor children of Hammond." It was a gesture of charity and the forerunner of the first Orak Shrine Circus held in the Masonic Temple in Hammond.

Saturday, October 10, 1936, 144 members of McKinley, Garfield and neighboring Lodges left at 2:00 P.M., by Special Train to Debuque, Iowa. Bro. Duke Kunsel McArty, the father of McKinley Wor. Master Vincent McArty, was raised to the Sublime Degree by his son, in Debuque, Iowa becoming a member of McKinley Lodge. There were three Debuque Lodges represented that evening and a good time was had by all. The Special Train left Debuque at 2:00 A.M., and arrived in Hammond at 7:00 A.M. The cost of the train was $456.25.

A McKinley Masonic Funeral was held in Hammond on October 10, 1936, for Bro. Benjamine Franklin Fairchild. Wor. Bro. George Mallett of Garfield acted as Master with Bro. George Zimmer as Marshal and Bro. Arthur Thornton carried the 3 G.L. The minister of the South Side Christian Church, Rev. Bro. Long acted as Chaplain.

At the November 10, 1936 Stated Meeting, letters of Dues Delinquency were ordered to be sent to 93 members. A lot of work was done to reduce this number to twenty-one.

The annual Lodge of Instruction was held on November 9, 1936 and Wor. Bro. Ivory C. Tolle, Grand Lecturer, was presented with a McKinley souvenir trowel. On November 13, 1936, McKinley received a visit from Lakeside Lodge of Chicago. They took charge and having brought their own entertainment, all were entertained by the Medinah Shrine Temple Clown Band.

Saturday, November 28, 1936, was the twenty-year anniversary of Wardens Night for Garfield Lodge. For some years now McKinley had joined Garfield in Wardens Night. The MM Degree was conferred on Bro. Richard Harrison Newland of Garfield Lodge. The ceremony was followed by fellowship during which Wor. Bro. George O. Mallett, who instituted the first Wardens Night in Garfield Lodge in 1916, gave a talk about the very first Wardens Night in a Masonic Lodge in Hammond, Indiana.

At the December 8, 1936 Stated Meeting, the dues for fourteen members was remitted and 21 were suspended

During 1936 McKinley Lodge Initiated 20, Passed 18 to the Degree of Fellowcraft and Raised the following 17 Master Masons:

James Ackerman
Herbert Edward Fisher
Eustace Owen Harris
Floyd Franklin Leonard
Charles Merl Perry
John Pappas
Lawrence Franklin Ross
Myron Cordes Smith
Ben Levin
Walter Shannon Armstrong
Harold Robert Flemming
Keith Jordan Kitzmiller
Duke Kusel McArty
John Jones Montgomery
Otto Levi Pence
Philip Noel Sendak
James Shaw Whitehead

Three members died:
Benjamin Franklin Fairchild*
John Carl Parrett,
Charles Miller.

There were four who demitted: Edward Faulkhammer, Harold Siegfried Hansen, Paul Aage Nelson and Edward Ellsworth Stone.

Twenty-one were suspended in 1936.

***** 1937 *****

The annual Joint Installation with Garfield Lodge was held in McKinley's Lodge Room on December 29, 1936. The McKinley Officers duly installed for 1937 by Wor. Bro. George Mallett with Wor. Bro. James Budge as Marshal and Wor. Bro. John S. Lane as Chaplain were as follows:

W.M. Thomas J. Martinson
S.W. Reuben M. Lamb
J.S. James G. Handley
Treas. Frank A. Ambler
Sec'y. John E. Hathaway, P.M.
S.D. William F. Stuart
J.D. Gordie H. Cauble
S.S. Fred Doyle
Tyler Charles A. Johnson
Chaplain C.Vincent McArty, P.M.
Organist Basil A. Turner

Immediately following the ceremony an address by the Rev. Bro. Dr. James Lawson, minister of the First Methodist Church was enjoyed by all and was most impressive. He also made the presentation of the Past Masters Jewels and Gifts to the outgoing Masters. Gifts were also presented by the families to the incoming 1937 Masters.

As of December 31, 1936 the Balance on Hand in the treasury of McKinley was $1823.68. The Masonic Building Association report at the January 12, 1937 Stated Meeting, showed a Cash Balance of $1320.49. McKinley was now doing okay financially.

The MBA financial statement showed that $20.00 was "stolen" on August 13,

1936, and that the Board of Education paid $285.06 for the use of the auditorium for their 8th grade basketball tournament.

The MBA Report: Cost of the Building	$440,087.79
Cost of Equipment	$ 66,648.58
Total Assets	$506,736.37

The stock distribution in the MBA was shown as follows:

Garfield Lodge 569 owned	$56,475.00
McKinley Lodge 712 owned	$ 9,750.00
Chapter #117 Royal Arch Masons owned	$10,325.00
Council # 90 Royal & Select Masters	$ 950.00
Commandery #41 Knights Templar	$11,275.00
Orak Shrine (A.A.O.N.M.S.)	$97,175.00
Notes Payable	$26,460.76
Total Owed	$486,715.76

So much for the 1936 year end financial reports.

At the February 9, 1937 Stated Meeting, a bill for $2.30 for cigars was submitted from Summers Pharmacy and a bill for $7.70 was received from Willis E. Roe for the "Square and Compass." This is the first record of that Masonic Publication so well known by all Northwest Indiana Masonic Lodges.

Garfield and McKinley again met jointly on February 22, 1937 for the purpose of observing the Birthday of Wor. Bro. George Washington, the first President of these United States. After a fine dinner including Cherry Pie, a fine address was given by Bro. Dr. James Lawson, Pastor of the First Methodist Church in Hammond. Following his address he presented framed pictures of Wor. Bro. Washington and of Bro. James A. Garfield and Bro. William McKinley to the respective Hammond Masonic Lodges.

Later that evening the MM Degree was conferred on Bro. Orville Vance of Garfield Lodge. There were 54 McKinley members, 65 Garfield members and 73 visitors present to celebrate the Birthday.

April 20, 1937 was designated "City Hall Night". The MM Degree was conferred on Adelbert Nicolai Langendorff by a craft of City Hall Employees in the following stations:

1st Section	2nd Section
W.M. William Bachman	Roy McCutcheon
S.W. Roy C. McCutcheon	Walter Brasel
J.W. Walter Brasel	
S.D. Herbert Newkirk	Herbert Newkirk
J.D. Walter Wittig	Walter Wittig

S.S. Ernest Steffey
J.S. Adam Funk

Ernest Steffey
Adam Funk
1-T Russell Oltz
2-T Renus Elman
3-T Carl McFadden
WFM Sam Gallucci
SC Charles Plant

Craftsman were:
1C Max Klee
2C Durbhan Brown
3C Floyd Gwinner
4C Homer Reeves
5C Marion Norris
6C Walter Armstrong
7C Norman Oltz
8C Alfred Schultz
9C Harold Douglas
10C George Malo
11C Lou Grose
12C Walter Thornton

This writer does not believe that all of the above were employees of the City Of Hammond, but he could be very wrong.

At the May 11, 1937 Stated Meeting, the Petition of Michael John Kambiss, a Hammond Police Officer was received by McKinley Lodge. Bro. Kambiss went on to become Chief of Police in Hammond and in addition, he has been a worker in McKinley Lodge and faithful in his attendance to this very day. This writer had the privilege of teaching the sons of Bro. Kambiss and has come to have a great respect for the entire Kambiss family.

Past Masters Night was held on May 21, 1937 for both McKinley and Garfield Lodges. The Past Masters conferred the MM Degree on McKinley Bro. William Walter Watts. The stations were filled by following Past Masters.

1st Section
W.M. Will S. Jones, 1912 (Garfield 569)
S.W. Harry W. Margenau, 1920 (McKinley 712)
J.W. Fred Fuehrmeyer, 1922 (Garfield 569)
Treas. Helwig Zimmer, 1931 (Garfield 569)
Sec'y. John C, Rea, 1928 (McKInley 712)
S.D. Yens Anderson, 1929 (Garfield 569)
J.D. Arthur O. Thornton, 1935 (McKinley 712)
Chap. Vincent McArty, 1936 (McKinley 712)
S.S. Arthur K. Thompson, 1925 (Garfield 569)
J.S. John E. Hathaway, 1929 (McKinley 712)

2nd Section
K.S. Merrett D. Metz, 1919 (McKinley 712)
K.H. Clarence J. Cole, 1936 (Garfield 569)
Sec'y. Jacob Van Bodegraven, 1933 (Garfield 569)
S.D. John C. Rea, 1928 (McKinley 712)
J.D. John S. Lane, 1930 (Garfield 569)

S.S. Olen C. Granger,1935 (Garfield 569)
J.S. Robert B. Richardson, 1926 (Garfield 569)
1-T Howard R. Oltz, 1930 (McKinley 712)
2-T Lyman P. Oltz, 1934 (McKinley 712)
3-T John F.Cadwell, 1928 (Garfield 569)
1-C George O. Mallett, 1916 (Garfield 569)
2-C Leroy C. McCullum, 1931 (McKinley 712)
3-C Charles A. Bound, 1924 (McKinley 712)
S.C. Yens Anderson, 1929 (Garfield 569)
Wf M.James Budge, 1932 (McKinley 712)
Chg. Walter Bielfeld, 1933 (McKinley 712)

What an outstanding display of talent. During the evening a tribute of silence was paid to deceased Past Masters and especially to Bro. Hollis Hunter, Senior Deacon of Garfield who passed away that same week.

This writer takes the space and time to enumerate events like the one just mentioned because there are relatives and descendants of those involved including Masons who are interested in the events of the past.

During the August 10, 1937 Stated Meeting, a communication from Grand Master D.Burns Douglas was read advising that all members of the Lodge receiving salaries must come under the provisions of the Social Security Act and that forms would be sent to the Lodge by the Collector of Internal Revenue. This was another first for Masonic Lodges.

The September 14, 1937 Stated Meeting, brought a motion to accept a new formula for paying rent to the MBA. It was based on a percentage of gross receipts, less the Masonic Home Assessment and Grand Lodge per capita charges.

A Called Meeting with Garfield Lodge was held on Friday, October 29, 1937 in Garfield's Lodge Room where the MM Degree was conferred on Garfield Bro. Percy Thomas Smith. There were twenty-eight members and fifty-six visitors present. No explanation of the Joint Called Meeting was found in McKinley's minutes. It may be safe to say it was not an official visitation.

Tuesday night, November 2, 1937 was designated as "Hubbard Steel Night". Thirty-three McKinley members and sixty-six visitors watch a degree team of Hubbard Steel workers confer the MM Degree on co-worker Benny Meo of McKinley Lodge. High compliments were given the fine work of the "Hubbard Steel Craftsmen."

The annual Wardens Night was Saturday, November 13, 1937. After a four o'clock opening and completion of the 1st Section, a fine meal was enjoyed by 37 members and 185 visitors. The MM Degree was completed after dinner. There were Wardens from twelve Lodges in Lake County and Arcadia No.

1138 of Lansing, Illinois.

Thirty-seven members of Garfield Lodge joined fifty McKinley members and forty-six visitors in a visitation to Davenport, Iowa beginning Saturday, November 27, 1937. They traveled by Bus, leaving at 1:30 P.M. to Blue Island, Illinois where they boarded a special train of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroads. They arrived in Davenport at 5:45 P.M. to a hearty welcome by a committee from Roosevelt Lodge No.625, and were escorted to the temple for a fine dinner. After dinner, McKinley Lodge Opened on the MM Degree and conferred the MM Degree on McKinley Bro. Roy Frederick Domke. The train left for home at Midnight and a great time was had by all.

The Annual (Stated) Meeting of December 14, 1937 brought a Bill form the C.RI.& P. Railroad for $502.50 and from the Chicago and Calumet District Transit Corp. for $54.50. Not bad prices for the trip to Davenport.

A letter from the MBA announcing the appointment of Bro. Melvin A. Monnett as Building Manager was read at the meeting. Mel served faithfully for many years.

The annual Election and Appointment of Officers was completed and on December 16, 1937 the Actual Past Masters Degree was conferred on McKinley Master Elect Ruben M. Lamb. It is interesting that the Masonic Temple has all the Masonic Bodies EXCEPT McKinley Lodge on their letterhead of the letter dated December 16, 1937, informing McKinley Lodge of the time and place for conferring the Actual Past Masters Degree on Bro. Lamb.

During 1937 McKinley Lodge Initiated 31, Passed 31 and Raised the following 32 to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

Joseph Eaton Bailey
Joseph George Blackmun
Roy Frederick Domke
Harold Loertz Douglas
Louis Galinski
Floyd William Greenway
Benjamine Harris Houpt
Victor Kirsch
Harry Ellsworth LaMont
Robert Clayton Matthews
Clyde Raymond Morse
Julius Balta Silogy
John Edward Stevenson
Francis Fredrick Van Remortel
Franklin Asail Barmore
Delbert John Bertin
Glenn Richard Clark
Edward Christopher Cooke
Walter Albert Fabian
Joe Bernard Gill
Francis Lee Hall
Michael John Kambiss
Adelbert Nicolai Langendorff
George Stiteley Malo
Benny Meo
Theodore Lehman Null
Arthur Ditson Smith Jr.
Harry Louis Vandervoort
William Walter Watts
Otis DeFay Duckworth

Fredrick Louis Erb Eugene Voyle Trippeer

Two were restored: Oscar Fredrick Heyle and William Zorbas

Louis Kaufman, Affiliated

There were three deaths: Joseph Raymond Pugh
Peter Thomson* LaRoy Wood.

The following three demitted: Joseph Eaton Bailey
Arthur Revardy Jarrett Theodore Louis McDaniel

Nine were suspended.

***** 1938 *****

A Joint Installation with Garfield Lodge took place on December 29, 1937 in McKinley's Lodge Room. The public was invited to this Installation and the room was full to overflowing. The Installing Master was Wor. Bro. Walter F. Bielefeld of Garfield Lodge, assisted by Wor. Bro. George Zimmer (Garfield) as Marshal and the Rev. Bro. William Anderson, Pastor of the First Christian Church in Hammond as Chaplain.

Following the ceremony a fine address was given by Rev. Bro. Anderson. The newly installed Wor. Master Ruben Lamb was a very active Sunday school teacher and member of the First Christian Church. The church is no longer in Hammond. It was sold in 1992 to another religious group.

The McKinley Officers Installed for 1938 were as follows:

W.M. Reuben M. Lamb	S.D. Gordie H. Cauble
S.W. James G. Handley	J.D. Fred Doyle
J.W. William F. Stuart	S.S. Claude Johnson
Treas. Frank A. Ambler	J.S. Walter S. Armstrong
Sec'y. John E. Hathaway, P.M.	Chap. Walter F. Bielefeld, P.M.
Tyler Charles A.Johnson	Organ Basil A. Turner

Following the ceremony, the guests proceeded to the main floor dinning room where refreshments were served. The Officers returned to the Lodge Room to Close in Due Form.

The January 11, 1938 Stated Meeting, brought a Bill for $55.08 as McKinley's share of the New Years Eve Party.

A party in honor of "Uncle Jake" Bro. Jacob H. Kasper was held on February

25, 1938 by both Hammond Lodges. He was deemed the "Most Outstanding Mason in Hammond". He had served as Tyler for Garfield and often fro McKinley for fifty years. It was the largest Masonic (Blue Lodge) Meeting ever held in Hammond. Eight Hundred and Fifty-six signed the register and an estimated Four Hundred couldn't get close enough to the register to sign.

The Garfield Lodge Minutes however show that 149 of their members and 720 visitors signed their register. (So there is a total difference of 13 between the figures of the two Lodges. The MM Degree was conferred on Garfield Bro. Lawrence Johnson. McKinley Officers conferred the 1st Section and after refreshments, labor resumed on the Second Section. By dispensation from the Grand Master, a temporary Lodge had been set up in the auditorium on this occasion. Bro. "Jake" was escorted through two parallel lines of Past Masters to a seat of honor to watch Garfield's Officers confer the 2nd Section of the Degree.

At the Stated Meeting of April 12, 1938, McKinley received an invitation from Hammond Commandery #41 Knights Templar, to attend Easter Services to be conducted by the Commandery. Invitations for a (Blue Lodge) visitation were also received from Lakeside Lodge 739 of Chicago and Lowvale Lodge # 1139 of Dalton, Illinois. Our fine Degree work was becoming well known throughout the region.

April 19, 1938 was set aside as "Bachman - Schroeder Night".
These two Brothers were being recognized for their many years of service as "Coaches" of new candidates. Pen and Pencil Sets were awarded them as tokens of McKinley's esteem and appreciation.

June 14, 1938 was the Stated Meeting in which the Lodge purchased a new photo easel to place the pictures of Past Masters and their Officers.

An invitation from Lake Lodge #157 in Crown Point, read at the September 13, 1938 Stated Meeting, requested the Lodge attend the Laying of the Cornerstone of the New Crown Point High School by the Grand Lodge of Indiana on September 17, 1938. Crown Point is presently (1993) in the process of acquiring support to build a new high school, this writer will be interested to see if the Old Cornerstone will be used in the new structure should they gain approval for the new building.

A Called Meeting on September 20, 1938 was to instruct the members on matters pertaining to Masonic Law and History. The Rev. Bro. William E. Anderson of the First Christian Church of Hammond gave an interesting discourse on the Great Seal of the United States and Wor. Bro. Metz reviewed the History of McKinley Lodge. The education committee took questions about Masonry from the Brothers and it was an "interesting and instructive evening."

Tuesday, December 6, 1938 was the date for a meeting of Entertainment and Education. Bro. R.O. Humphreys of South Bend gave an interesting discourse on the "History of Free Masonry Through The Ages."

The annual Stated Meeting of December 13, 1938, brought the election of next years Officers and the following statistics for 1938:

Ten were Initiated, Twelve were Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft and the following twelve were Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in 1938:

Wilhelm Beck
Charles Edgar Buchele
Sheldon Warren Dowdell
Alfred Richard Golding
Harold Henry Norden
Lowell Crab Cornwell
Joseph Bell
Nick Dentrono
Carl Warren Gentry
Myron Milton McConnell
Arthur Stanley Bush
Jess Adelbert Swinson

Two were restored: Allen Charles Oltz and Harry James Walker

Four died in 1938:
Harry Franklin Anderson
August B. Fromm
Charles Berger Carlson
Myron Milton McConnell*

Ten were suspended for nonpayment of dues.

The Annual Report of the Secretary for 1938, gave the total membership on December 31, 1938 to be 392, and a blance on hand of $974.75.

***** 1939 *****

A Joint Installation with Garfield Lodge was held Friday, December 30, 1938, and the following McKinley Officers for 1939 were duly installed:

W.M. James G. Handley
S.W. William F. Stuart
J.W. Gordie H. Cauble
Treas. Frank A. Ambler
Sec'y. John E. Hathaway, P.M.
S.D. Fred Doyle
J.D. Claude H. Johnson
S.S. Max F. Klee
Chap. Reuben M. Lamb, P.M.
Tyler Charles A. Johnson
Organist Basil A. Turner

The evening address was given by Rev. Bro. Dr. Lawson, Pastor of the First Methodist Church in Hammond.

A Lodge of Instruction was called by the Wor. Master on February 7, 1939 on the Fellowcraft Degree. Another LOdsge of Instruction was held February 28, 1939 on the MM Degree, for there were no candidates in waiting.

The annual Joint Past Masters' Night was held on April 21, 1939 under the direction of Wor. Bro. Tom Martinson. The MM Degree was conferred on Garfield candidate George J. Gould.

McKinley Past Masters Present		Garfield Past Masters Present	
John C. Kennedy	1921	Arthur K. Thompson	1925
John E. Hathaway	1929	Robert B. Richardson	1926
Leroy C. McCullum	1931	John F. Cadwell	1928
Walter F. Bielefeld	1933	Yens Anderson	1929
Lyman P. Oltz	1934	John S. Lane	1930
Arthur O. Thornton	1935	Helwig Zimmer	1931
C. Vincent McArty	1936	George Zimmer	1932
Thomas J. Martinson	1937	Jacob VanBodegranve	1933
Reuben M. Lamb	1938	Olen C. Granger	1935
		Clarence J. Cole	1936
		Arnold E. Griffen	1938

Wor. Bro. Martinson utilized all Past Masters present in conferring the MM Degree.

At the August 8, 1939 Stated Meeting, there were only four members and two visitor present other than the officers. Most of the members were still on vacation. Things haven't changed much as far as the summer attendance goes. Attendance picked up in September and the Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred on three candidates on September 5, 1939.

Saturday, October 7, 1939, Lodge opened at 2:00 P.M. and after conferring the MM Degree on Bros. William Zryd Hoch, David Edward Swan and Charles Raymond Barkley, members and visitors retired to the Grand Ballroom to celebrate the 20th anniversary of McKinley Lodge. Wor. Bro. George Mallett of Garfield Lodge was present and told of the early days in getting McKinley Lodge started. Our first two Masters, Merrett D. Metz and Harry W. Marganau also spoke.

Several vocal selections were given by Brother Roy O. Dieterich accompanied on the piano by his son. Vocal selections by Brother Thomas Warrillow accompanied by Brother Ted Coons were also beautifully rendered. During the dinner hour organ music was provided by Leonard Elster to the enjoyment of all present.

Distinguished guests for the occasion from the M.W. Grand Lodge of Indiana, were Most Worshipful Grand Master John R. Hunter, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Claude M. Jacoby, Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden James K. Gorrell, Wor. Bro. Lee R. Whitehill, Senior Grand Deacon, and representatives of other Grand Bodies. M.W. Grand Master Hunter closed McKinley Lodge in Ample Form after a short talk expressing his pleasure at being present on McKinley's twentieth anniversary.

Low and behold, at the October 10, 1939 Stated Meeting, a bill to the Standard Tobacco Company in the amount of $30.00 for Cigars was presented and passed as was a bill to "The Collector of Internal Revenue" for "Social and Security" in the amount of $3.19. The bill for the 20th Anniversary Dinner was $243.75.

Bro. Donald L. Oltz was raised to the Sublime Degree at a called Meeting on October 31, 1939. Particular attention is given to this event because of the authors life long friendship with Bro. Don and the privilege given this author to present Don his Fifty-year Award of Gold in 1992. Also of particular interest is the fact that five of Don's relatives, i.e. his father, grandfather two uncles and brother did most of the work in conferring the degree.

The November 14, 1939 Stated Meeting, brought the petition of Williard R. Jonas, recommended by Bros. Darwin Eret and Clinn Ellyson. Bro. Eret and Mr. Jonas were instrumental music teachers in the Hammond Schools and Bro. Clinn Ellyson was the founder of the First Federal S&L of Hammond. This writer is presently a Vice President and Director of First Federal S&L of Hammond. He was privileged to present, as Special Deputy of the M.W. Grand Master, the Fifty-year Award of Gold to Bro. Jonas at his home in the company of Wor. Bro. and Secretary Barry McKnight and Wor. Master Audrian Burroughs.

The November 14, 1939 meeting, also brought nine other petitions including that of Cecil Francis Lindsey who became an outstanding Mason and Wor. Master of McKinley in 1950. More will be said about Cecil later in this chronicle.

Under Miscellaneous Business, a joint committee made a report on the arrangements for a reception for Past Master also Past High Priest of Hammond Chapter #117 R.A.M., Arthur O.Thornton. He was the newly elected Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of the York Rite for the State of Indiana. The reception was held on November 18, 1939.

The December 12, 1939 Stated Meeting, brought the Annual Election of Officers and a petition from David Harold Cornelison who later (1949) became Wor. Master of McKinley Lodge #712.

The Certification of Wor. Master Elect, William F. Stuart having received the Actual Past Masters Degree on December 21, 1939 was received and read at the Called Meeting of December
29, 1939.

During 1939 McKinley Lodge Initiated 23, Passed 21 and Raised to the Sublime Degree the following 19 Brothers:

Charles Raymond Barkley
Erschel Alex Crowe
Leo Gill
William Zryd Hoch
George Richard Nimon
Donald Leslie Oltz
Gerald Max Skinner
Daniel Poling Vandersall
Charles Henry Wright
Emanuel Marcus
Walter Kelsinger Coil
Franklin Dunfee
Gilbert Daniel Hansen
Lester Richard Meara
Paul LaVergne O'Brien
William Murray Prickett
David Ward Swan
John R. Woosley
Harry Newton Young

There were four who were restored to membership
Lonzo Barnes Clark
Frank Olben Reed
George Jefferson Lentz
Harry John Salos

Three affiliated in 1939:
Carl Gustav Erickson
Charles Austin Chandler,
Carl Fredrick Thielman

James Henry Scott died and Peter Henry Beratis demitted.

There were fifteen suspensions for nonpayment of dues.

***** 1940 *****

The Annual Joint Installation of McKinley and Garfield Officers for 1940 took place at a Called Meeting, December 29, 1939.

The following McKinley Brethren, having been duly elected or appointed were Installed.

W.M. William F. Stuart
S.W. Gordie H. Cauble
J.W. Fred Doyle
Treas. Frank A. Ambler
Sec'y. John E. Hathaway, P.M.
Chaplain Leroy C. McCullum, P.M.
S.D. Claude H. Johnson
J.D. Max F. Klee
S.S. Albert F. Schultz
J.S. Durbin G. Brown
Organ Basil A. Turner
Tyler Charles A. Johnson

The Installing Master was Wor. Bro. George O. Mallett of Garfield Lodge. Wor. Bro. Lyman P. Oltz of McKinley acted as Installing Marshal and Wor. Bro. Reuben M. Lamb of McKinley acted as Installing Chaplain.

At the January 9, 1940 Stated Meeting, a request was read from the Grand Lodge Secretary for the names of all 25 and 50 year members for a Grand Lodge Committee who would design an appropriate button for such members. These award buttons are still used today.

The highlight of the Saturday, January 20, 1940 Called Meeting, was the conferring of the EA Degree on the son-in-law of Past Master John E. Hathaway Bro. Sarine Willard Swetz. Wor. Bro. Hathaway presided in the East in the degree. Bro. Swetz was one of four candidates receiving the EA Degree that afternoon. Following a dinner that evening, the Lodge was opened on the MM Degree and Robert Wayne Foster was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

The Annual Report (1939) of the Secretary delivered at the February 13, 1940 Stated Meeting, showed the membership on December 31, 1938 to be 418 and the membership on December 31, 1939 was 401. This writer believes this to be the first loss in membership over a calendar year since the beginning of McKinley Lodge.

The petition of Hanley Wilson Staley, a Hammond High School teacher and coach was read at the January, 1940 Stated meeting. This writer was a student under him at Hammond High and had the privilege of presenting, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, the Fifty-year Award of Gold to Bro. Staley in 1991.

It was also announced at the January, 1940 Stated Meeting, that the rent for McKinley Lodge in 1940 would be $2,096.00.

The highlight of the Called Meeting of March 17, 1940, was not a St. Patrick's Day celebration but was the conferring of the MM Degree on Bro. Charles Houston by his fellow workers at the Northern Indiana Public Service Company. This was the first official appearance of this fine degree team and they made a most favorable impression on everyone present.

Literary license is taken here to mention the "March Madness of Indiana." The Hammond Technical Vocational High School basketball team won the state championship this month of March 1940. Your author remembers the train bringing them home from Indianapolis pulled into Hammond on the Monon Line. It stopped between Fayette and Sibley Streets amidst the biggest crowd of people this writer has ever seen gathered in Hammond. We in the Hammond High School Band, as well as the Tech Band played several marches and the Hammond Tech School song. After the welcome speeches, we broke into small groups and the group this writer was in played the "Dipsi Doodle" in front of Woolworths Five and Dime. The band members moved into the store that was so crowded with people they barely had room to play their instruments.

All the streets and stores downtown were crowded and in a most joyous and festive mood. Bro. Roland Fox of McKinley Lodge, invited the group this writer was with into his clothing store, Jack Fox and Sons, to play a few tunes.

April 20, 1940, the Lever Brothers Soap Company Degree Team conferred the

MM Degree on David Harold Cornelison. Bro. Cornelison became Master of McKinley Lodge in 1949. It was most interesting to this writer that for the first time in the minutes of the Lodge, mention was made of Bro. Bland T. McNabney, father of this writer. He occupied the Junior Warden Station during the first section and took the part of the Wayfaring Man in the second section of the MM Degree conferred on Bro.Cornelison.

The July 9, 1940 Stated Meeting, brought a communication from Bro. Elmer F. Gay, Superintendent of the Indiana Masonic Home. He had granted a three-week vacation to McKinley sponsored Hellwig children. This writer could not find the particulars of the placement by McKinley Lodge of the Hellwig children in the Home.

The October 8, 1940 Stated Meeting, brought a dispensation from the Grand Master allowing McKinley to entertain a visitation from Composite Lodge No. 879 of Chicago, who would confer the MM Degree. They would visit on October 29, 1940. The minutes show 50 members and twelve visitors were present at this meeting.

Saturday, October 19, 1940, was the day of celebration for Garfield and McKinley Lodges known as "Past Masters Night".
Lodge was opened at 1:00 P.M. that day for a Masonic Funeral.
for Charles George Poorman. Following the services at the Oexmann Chapel, the members returned to the Lodge to close on the Degree on which it was open.

The members of both Lodges then assembled in the Banquet Room at 6:30 P.M. and after the invocation by the Reverend Bro.
Anderson of the First Christian Church, all enjoyed a fine dinner prepared by the Ladies of the Eastern Star. All returned to the Lodge where the Active Past Masters and several Distinguished Guests were presented. Included in the group were M.W. Grand Master and Mrs. Jacoby, Deputy Grand Master and Mrs. Gorrell, Senior Grand Deacon Sam B. Pettingill, Grand Lecturer and Mrs. Tolle, Grand Commander and Mrs. Bush and several others.

Grand Master and Mrs. Jacoby were presented with a beautiful coffee urn from the two Lodges. A tribute was then given in a beautiful ceremony to deceased Past Masters of the two Lodges. The family of Uncle "Jake" Kasper presented Garfield Lodge with his Tyler sword, and Wor. Bro. Tom Martinson presented Bro. Tom Warrillow who offered an number of vocal selections. He was accompanied at the organ by Bro. Basil A. Turner. The Grand Master then delivered a fine address.

War clouds in the far east and in Europe were beginning to effect serious anxiety on the people of this country and in recognition of these turbulent times, Bro. Tom Warrillow led the entire assembly in singing "God Bless America".

October 26, 1940, on behalf of Golden Rule Lodge No. 726 A.F. & A.M. of Chicago, McKinley conducted a Masonic Funeral for Bro. William Kirkiner of that Lodge.

Composite Lodge No. 879 A.F. & A.M. of Chicago, paid a visit to McKinley on October 29, 1940 and conferred the MM Degree, Illinois style on their candidate.

November 5, 1940, the MM Degree was conferred on Bro. Clifford William Hass by a Craft consisting entirely of Brothers of McKinley who were Raised in the same year (1940). The work was done in excellent fashion and was a first in McKinley Lodge.

A Degree Team made up of Lever Brothers Soap Company Employees conferred the MM Degree on fellow worker, Kenneth Robert Blitsch at a Called Meeting on November 26, 1940, and received congratulations from all on their excellent work.

The Annual Stated Meeting of December 10, 1940, brought the "Remission of Dues" for 10 members and the suspension of five members for nonpayment of dues.

Christmas presents in the amount of $5.00 were authorized for the children of the late Karl Hellwig, who were our wards in the Masonic Home. The sum of $5.00 was also awarded the Lake County Tuberculosis Association.

Most important, McKinley Lodge elected the Officers for the ensuing year at the December 10, 1940 Stated Meeting.

On December 12, 1940, a "Father and Son" night was held. A fine banquet was enjoyed by 300 Master Masons and their sons. Entertainment was provided and a fine talk was given by the Reverend Brother James Lawson of the First Methodist Church in Hammond.

No mention was made in the minutes of the December 1940 Stated Meeting, of any New Years Eve Party which had been held by Garfield and McKinley Lodges for many years.

During 1940, McKinley Lodge Initiated 30, Passed 31 to the Degree of Fellowcraft, and Raised the following listed 30 to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

William August Purcell
Charles Houston
Walter Case Hughes
Fred Robert Kyle
Harrison Robert Eads
Cecil Francis Lindsey(WM 1950)
William Reed Parker
Ralph Albert Doerman
Ralph Earl Barcus
Willard Reinhart Jonas

David Harold Cornelison
Sarine Willard Swetz
Roy Elmer Rogers
Charles Shelby Poland
James William Stewart
Carl E. Pettit
Kenneth Robert Blitsch
Gale Ira Lambert
Robert Wayne Foster
George Fredrick Brener
Adolf Lange
Paul Arthur Dibblee
Hanley Wilson Staley
Edwin Charles Lasbury
Charles Edward Berwanger
Rufus Blaine Hicks
Clifford William Haas
Frank G. Heichel
Sidney Herbert Golding
Joseph Raymond Franklin

The following eight were restored to membership:
Lawrence Elmer Randall
Frank E. Stolte
Roland F. Fox
Clarence L. Fox
Samuel Edwin Davis
John Berthal Stoehr
Edward Seconde Bate
Marcus Harmon Rogers

Three affiliated:
John Donald Waddell
James Leroy Rusk
Clarence Varing Sorenson

There were five deaths during the year:
Roy Tweedle
Elwood Washington*
Frank Greatbatch, P.M.
Ernest Walter Anderson
Charles George Poorman

Two Demitted: Edward Henry Warner and Orville Byron Hayward

There were five suspensions for nonpayment of dues.

***** 1941 *****

The annual joint Installation of Officers for McKinley and Garfield Lodges took place the evening of December 27, 1940. The following Elected and Appointed Officers for 1941 for McKinley Lodge No. 712 F. & A.M., were duly installed by Installing Master Wor. Bro. George O. Mallett, assisted by Wor. Bro. Arthur O. Thornton as Installing Marshal and Wor. Bro. Clarence J. Cole as Installing Chaplain.

W.M. Gordie H. Cauble
S.W. Fred Doyle
J.W. Claude H. Johnson
Treas. Frank A. Ambler (Proxy)
Sec'y. John E. Hathaway, P.M.
Tyler Charles A. Johnson
S.D. Max F. Klee
J.D. Albert F. Schultz
S.S. Durban G. Brown
J.S. John E. Foudray
Chap.Leroy C. McCullum, P.M.
Organ Basil A. Turner

After a few remarks by the newly Installed Masters, gifts were presented to the outgoing Past Masters and Gavels presented by the families to the incoming Masters. Refreshments were served in the dinning room following the installation.

At the January 14, 1941 Stated Meeting, the death of Wor. Bro. Frank Greatbatch, P.M., at Vancouver, British Columbia was reported but no details were given. This was the first death among the Past Masters of McKinley Lodge.

The June 10, 1941 Stated Meeting, brought a bill of $2.90 from the Igloo Ice Cream Company located on Calumet Avenue south of Hammond High School on the east side of the street. This writer remembers the fine double dip ice cream cones from the Igloo on Calumet Avenue for only five cents each.

The August 12, 1941 Stated Meeting, brought the first communication from a member in military service, Bro. Dee C. Buchanan, stationed at Camp Lee in Virginia. It was the first of many received from servicemen during the next few years.

A Called Meeting at 2:00 P.M.,on August 13, 1941, was to conduct Masonic Services for McKinley Bro. Harry Ellsworth LaMont. Our Chaplain Wor. Bro. Leroy C. McCullum with Wor. Master Gordie H. Cauble and Bro. Charles Johnson as Marshal, conducted the all Funeral Services and the body was interred with Masonic Honors.

The Stated Meeting of September 9, 1941, brought the approval for a new organization of officers of all bodies known as the Masonic Building Officers Association. A By-Laws Committee was appointed consisting of Wor. Bros. Ruben Lamb, William Stuart and James Handley, to revise the By-Laws and acquaint the membership with the changes. They were to secure printed copies in a sufficient number for distribution to the entire membership once the new By-Laws were approved. Approval of the changes was given on motion allowed and passed at the November 11, 1941 Stated Meeting.

At the November 1941 Stated Meeting, charges were brought against sixty Brothers for non-payment of dues. Fortunately, all but eighteen paid up quickly.

The minutes of the December 9, 1941 Stated Meeting, do not mention the attack on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese but this writer feels certain that prayer for those who died was given during the meeting. The annual election and appointment of officers was held and the annual reports submitted at the end of the year indicated we had a membership on December 31, 1941 of 433. This was three more than was reported on December 31, 1940. The Treasurer also reported a balance on hand of $2,140.00.

During 1941, McKinley Lodge Initiated 24, Passed 22 to the Degree of Fellowcraft and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason the following 24 Brothers:

Harry William Koester
Henry Saylor Daugherty
Samuel Stuart Hill
Everett Ward Norris
Virgis Myron Daugherty
Fred Lee Bryant
Harlan John Achor
Dee Curtis Buchanan
Jerry George Curtner
Rolla Evert Nichols
King Ralph Heath
Harry Dockery
George Smedley
John Myron Adams
Russell Albert Petrie
Murray Albert Klebs
Fred Ray Kuns
John William Best
Wallace Bejamine Ecklund
William George Fredericks,Jr.
Raymond Renold Meisal
Paul Thomas Young
George Lewellyn Morris
Harold Malcolm Daun

Five were restored:
Carl Moore
Charles Franklin Roberts
Harry Ferdinand Derner
William Maurice Kelly
Lowel Smith Fisher

Two Affiliated: Edgar Francis Hanford & Pressley Jack LaForge

Five members demitted:
Rufus Blain Hicks
Charles William Stokes
Warner Franklin Blackmun
George Jefferson Lentz
Onis Oliver Melton

Five members of McKinley died during the year:

Charles Edward Hollett*
Sam McLeod
Arthur Spafford
Harry Ellsworth LaMont*
James Monroe Ryan

A Masonic Funeral Service was held by McKinley Lodge for Bro. Arthur Henry Hobbs of Peru-Miami Lodge No.67, of Peru, Indiana on May 3, 1941.

***** 1942 *****

At a Called Meeting on December 30, 1941, the Annual Joint Installation of Officers for Garfield and McKinley Lodges was held with 33 members and 38 visitors present.

The elected and appointed officers for 1942 for McKinley Lodge were duly Installed by Wor. Bro. Leroy McCullum as Installing Master, Wor. Bro. George Zimmer of Garfield Lodge acting as Marshal and Wor. Bro. Arthur O. Thornton

as Chaplain. Those installed were:

W.M. Fred Doyle
S.W. Claude H. Johnson
J.W. Max F. Klee
Treas.Frank A. Ambler (Proxy)
Sec'y.John E. Hathaway, P.M.
Tyler Charles A. Johnson, P.M.
S.D. Albert F. Schultz
J.D. Durbin G. Brown
S.S. John E. Foudray
J.S. Salvatore Gallucci
Organ Basil A. Turner
Chap.Leroy C. McCullum, P.M.

On January 6, 1942 McKinley Lodge held Masonic Services for Bro. George L. Splitt of Bowling Green Lodge No. 73, Bowling Green, Kentucky for that Lodge. Wor. Bro. McCullum conducted the regular and the graveside internment service.

January 10, 1942, a Masonic funeral service was held for Bro. Roy C. French of Tippicanoe Lodge No. 492 of Lafayette, Indiana at the request of Tippecanoe Lodge.

At the January 13, 1942 Stated Meeting, the Lodge voted to purchase three $500.00 Series F. Defense Bonds to help the war effort and to contribute $25.00 to the American Red Cross.

The May 12, 1942 Stated Meeting, brought a communication from the Grand Master, James K. Girl, dated May 8, 1942 directing each subordinate Lodge to appoint a "Committee on War Service". Their first duty would be to work out a schedule of letter writing to each member of the Lodge in the Armed Forces of the Nation.

At the June 9, 1942 Stated Meeting, Wor. Master Fred Doyle appointed Bros. Durbin G. Brown, Cecil F. Lindsey and David H. Cornelison to the Committee on War Service.

Although the war brought a halt to many Lodge activities there was an increase in the number of petitions and degree work. An example of increased participation was a MM Degree conferred on Bro. Charles Benjamine Kirsch on June 27, 1942, in which several brothers working in industrial plants in the area participated. They were highly praised for their proficiency in the work of the degree.

Craft Clubs and/or Degree Teams of McKinley Lodge members working in a particular industry had become quite common. Among them were the following: Sinclair Oil, Inland Steel, Lever Brothers Company, Standard Oil, School City of Hammond, Hammond City Government, Hammond Police Degree Team and a Lake County Craft Club No. 149 of the National Federated Craft Club of Masons who were Federal Employees. Paul A. Caldwell, a McKinley member was very active in the Lake County Federated Craft Club and is still a member of the National Federated Craft Club.

The Hammond Police Degree Team under the leadership of Police Chief Tom Martinson, Master of McKinley Lodge in 1937, was outstanding and traveled extensively upon invitation to confer a degree. All these Degree Teams gained high respect for the exemplary manner in which they conducted the Masonic Degrees.

August 10, 1942 a Masonic Funeral Service was held in McKinley's Lodge Room for Bro. William Henry Bachman. He had served as a Hammond Fireman for thirty-five years and had been initiated in McKinley Lodge on March 12, 1920. The Brethren from the Fire Department participated in the Service. Bro. Charles Johnson was appointed Marshal and Wor. Master Fred Doyle carried the Three great Lights. This writer was unable to find the name of the Fireman who acted as Chaplain. The pallbearers were Brothers from the fire department.

Another Masonic Funeral Service was held on September 8, 1942 for Bro. John Charles Kennedy. Wor. Bro. Leroy McCullum acted as Chaplain and the minutes state he also carried the Lights. Bro. Charles Johnson acted as Marshal. The grave site ceremony was conducted by Wor. Bro. William L. Proctor of Garfield Lodge. Pallbearers were all Past Masters and members of McKinley Lodge. There is no doubt that the Stated Meeting held that evening was clothed in sadness for the loss of our brother.

A Lodge of Instruction was held on October 2, 1942 by Grand Lecturer Ivory C. Tolle. The E.A. Degree was exemplified. The Grand Lecturer gave a discourse on proposed changes in the degree then being printed in a new ritual.

At the October 13, 1942 Stated Meeting, a petition was received from John Lloyd Crooks who became Worshipful Master of McKinley Lodge (1952), a Thirty-third Degree Mason of the Scottish Rite and served as Treasurer of McKinley Lodge for many years. Wor. Bro. Crooks became one of this writers best friends and benefactors. It was a privilege to teach his two sons at Hammond High School and to get to know his wife Mary. Wor. Bro. J. Lloyd Crooks was an outstanding Mason and one of the best roll models we could ever have. He is sorely missed by all McKinley Lodge Members who had the good fortune to know him.

At the Annual Stated Meeting on December 8, 1942, a communication from Anchorage Lodge No. 220, stated that Bro. John W. Best stationed in Anchorage Alaska had made a visit to their Lodge.

During 1942, McKinley Lodge Initiated 42, Passed 35 and Raised to the Sublime Degree, the following 35 Master Masons:

James William Neel
Roy Glenmore Oliver
Charles Benjamin Kirsch
George Edward Brusel

Glen Shelby Breedlove
John Hayden Cornelison
Benjamin Dwight Shipley
Kenneth Arnold Wood
William Randolph Hite
John William Lillpop
Clayton William Frazer
Ralph Willard Margenau
John Earl Robinson
Robert Middleton
Robert Eugene Hyzer
Marvin Deen Childers
John Edward Miller
Walter George Splitt
Robery Roy Beaucus
George Herman Bein
Louis August Riechers
"J. C." Hicks
Robert Frederick Kintz
William Moritz Bernhardt
Emile Etienne Van Cauwenburgh
George Alfred McCaig
Richard Leonard Klebs
Charles Robert Miner
Armond Dell Goble
Paul Voreacus
John Liaskos
William Horwarth
Eugene Herman Vanzo
Altou Bennett Storer
Clyde Edward Reynolds

The following 11 were restored in 1942:

William Clarence Michaels
Roy E. Beucus
Earl Henry Hester
Raymond Cecil Downey
Harold Vincent Haines
Edgar Liston Plain
James Peter Craidon
Charled Edward McCoy
Royal Loyal Hays
Bert Walter Kronsell
Floyd Rufus Murray

The following five died during the year:

Benjamin Shrago
William Henry Bachman*
Matthew P. Nelson*
Carl Edward Hinchman
John Charles Kennedy*

There were six who demitted in 1942:

Fredrick MacKnarr
John W. Minsker
Arthur Mulligan Woodall
Frank Bernat
Carl Moore
Anthony William Kollens

Eighteen were suspended.

***** 1943 *****

Saturday, December 19, 1942, the following McKinley Lodge Officers for 1943 were Installed in a joint ceremony with Garfield Lodge. Wor. Bro. George O. Mallett was Installing Master assisted by Wor. Bro. Thomas J. Martinson as Marshal and Wor. Bro. Leroy McCullum as Chaplain.

W.M. Claude H. Johnson
S.W. Max F. Klee
J.W. Albert F. Schultz
Treas. Frank A. Ambler
Sec'y. John E. Hathaway, P.M.
Organ Basil A. Turner
S.D. Durban G. Brown
J.D. John E. Foudray
S.S. Salvatore Gallucci
J.S. Davis H. Cornelison
Chap. Leroy C. McCullum, P.M.
Tyler Charles A. Johnson

A written request for a demit from Nilo Hovey was read at the January 12, 1943 Stated Meeting. Bro. Hovey had accepted the Chair of Director of Music at Butler University in Indianapolis and would be leaving the Hammond Schools and McKinley Lodge. It was also at this meeting that Wor. Master Claude H. Johnson appointed Bros. Cecil F. Lindsey, Reuben M. Lamb, P.M., and David H. Cornelison, P.M., as Members of the War Service and Relief Committee.

Tuesday, January 19, 1943 was an interesting evening. Lodge was opened on the E.A. Degree. The degree was conferred on Mr. William Henderson McMurray and Mr. Robert Eugene Jay. Lodge was then closed and immediately opened on the MM Degree which was conferred on Bro. George Nye Gilbert. The Charges and Lectures were given in full. Lodge was then closed in form on the MM Degree. All of this occurred in one evening.

The March 9, 1943 Stated Meeting, brought the reading of six petitions. One of them was from Mr. Hughe Cyrus Hayden, DDS. Dr. Hayden and his wife along with Wor. Bro. J. Lloyd and Mary Crooks, Bro. Howard Kahley and wife Joyce, Bros. Gil Mayo, John Bunnel, Frazier Andrews, F. Winston Ambler, their wives along with several other Masons and their wives, were members of a Sunday School Class taught by this writer at the First Christian Church at Calumet and Summer Street in Hammond.

They were all outstanding in every way. It was a pleasure for this writer to study hard and prepare as best he could to have interesting and informative lessons every Sunday.

Under Miscellaneous Business at the March 9, 1943 Stated Meeting, the Lodge voted to accept our portion of the Masonic Building Association Rent for 1943 in the amount of $2611.00.

At the May 11, 1943 Stated Meeting, letters were read from the following McKinley Members in the Armed Forces stationed in various locations and on ships all over the world. Bros. Charles C. Garrett, Hanley W. Staley, William Purcell, and Charles Miner.

At the June 8, 1943 Stated Meeting, a communication from Grand Master Lee Whitehall was read containing a ruling allowing the conferring of the EA Degree as a courtesy providing the Candidate was a member of the Armed Forces and proper application had been made.

It was reported that Wor. Master Claude H. Johnson and Past Master Fred Doyle attended a County meeting under the leadership of Past Grand Master Claude M. Jacoby. The purpose was to discuss a plan to raise a substantial fund to be used for the rehabilitation of Brethren incapacitated in the Armed Forces and for the relief of Masonic Widows and Orphans of the war. Masons were trying to do their share in the war effort.

There were twelve petitions for Masonry presented at the October 12, 1943 Stated Meeting, and sixteen presented at the November 9, 1943 Stated Meeting, including one from Howard Kahle. Howard went on to receive the Scottish Rite Meritorious Service award as did Cecil Lindsey, Bland McNabney and Harry Personett. In spite of the war and a curtailment of activities, there was a great deal of degree work.

At the December 14, 1943 Stated Meeting, a communication from the Masonic Building Association was read relating to the retirement of a MBA note held by the Indiana Harbor Belt Railroad Company at considerable savings to the fraternity. On motion allowed, McKinley voted to pay its portion of the obligation which amounted to $609.15. A Bill for $99.00 was allowed payable to Mickey Isley for entertainment. Mr. Isley had a well-known dance orchestra in those days. The band was engaged to play for dancing following the annual Installation of Officers on December 17. 1943.3.

During 1943 McKinley Lodge Initiated 76, Passed 64 to the Degree of Fellowcraft and Raised the following 59 to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

William Henderson McMurray
Harold Edward Moore
Ralph Vernon Gaedtke
Kenneth R. Hammilton
Leroy George Buriger
George Frank Miller
Otis Devon Crowel
Verne Wellington Grose
Walter Howard Morris
Edward Thomas Daniels
Milford William Hess
Dean Gilbert Williams
Jeonard Hugh Shanks, Jr.
Arthur Deloss Beckwith
Bartley Brown
Harold Leroy Olsen
Robert Eugene Jay
James Carson Wilson
Ernest George Livingston
Homar A. Brown
Fred Halfacre
Estel Halfacre
Everett Earl Hannon
Dr. Hughe Cyrus Hayden
William Horace Campbell
Chester Arthur Riddle
Vincel Gordon Sell
Willard Boston Johnson
Robert John Turner
Paul Morris

Gordon Edgar Taylor
Jens Alexanderson
Anthony Mikulan
Paul McKinley Hulstrand
Herbert Richard Marrow Stevens
Walter Laws Hammond
Richard Franklin Jones
Willard D. Moore
Kenneth W. Coffing
John King Ewing
John Lloyd Crooks
George Nye Gilbert
Dallas Gilbert Donaldson
Peter Nicholas Chintis
Edward Wheeler Chapman
Mervin John Hubbard
Don Malott
Constantinos J. Apostolou
Roy Edward Brandon
Ingwald Maurice Furness
Claude Francis Cantrell
Clem Urwin Bowman
Herbert Morris
Robert William Childs
Daniel Franklin Mears
Stephen Stanley Horan
Lewis Loebe, Jr.
Harold Everett Kinney
John Gerald Magan

The following 8 Brothers were restored during 1943:

Forrest Morrow
Hugo Van Webb
Claude Duval MacGarry
Pleasant Roy Sarber
Harry Frederick Nimon
Angus Warren Telley
Howard A. Boyer
Frank Leroy Trueblood

The following seven Brothers died in 1943:

Bernie Clifford Wooley
Joseph Alvin Williams*
Robert James Eads
Isreal Cohen
Royal Loyal Hayes*
Harry D. Armstrong*
George Maxson Chapin

The following 8 Brothers demitted during 1943:

Victor Matson
Claude Duval MacGary
Harvey Ottomar Bemisderfer
Everett Ward Norris
Nilo Wellington Hovey
Walter Cass Hughes
Howard Dean Rathbun
Roland F. Fox

Seven were suspended in 1943 for nonpayment of dues.

***** 1944 *****

The McKinley Officers for 1944 were Installed jointly with those of Garfield Lodge on Friday, December 19, 1943. The Installing Master was Wor. Bro. George O. Mallett, the Installing Marshal was Wor. Bro. Thomas J. Martinson and the Installing Chaplain was Wor. Bro. Reuben M. Lamb.

W.M. Max F. Klee
S.W. Albert F. Schultz
J.W. Durbin G. Brown
Treas. Frank A. Ambler
Sec'y. John E. Hathaway, P.M.
Tyler Charles A. Johnson

S.D. John E. Foudray
J.D. Salvatore Gallucci
S.S. David H. Cornelison
J.S. Cecil F. Lindsey
Organ- Basil A. Turner
Chap.Leroy C. McCullum, P.M.

Following the Public Installation the Officers and guests retired to the Ballroom for refreshments and dancing to the music of Mickey Isley.

Thirteen petitions were read at the January 11, 1944 Stated Meeting. McKinley was really doing well in spite of the difficulties everyone faced because of the war. A number of Brothers including Cecil Keller David, who was in kindergarten through high school with this writer, were in the military.

The MM Degree was conferred on Francis Winston Ambler January 25, 1944. He was the son our long time treasurer Frank A. Ambler.

The February 8, 1944 Stated Meeting, produced 21 Petitions (three were for restoration). The work load for conferring degrees was getting very heavy. On a very sad note, a letter was received from the mother of Brother William Purcell advising the Lodge that "Bill" was reported missing in action over Germany on January 11, 1944.

April 28, 1944 was designated as Past Masters Night for McKinley and Garfield Lodges. Wor. Bro. Thomas J. Martinson, president of the newly formed Past Masters Association, introduced the Past Masters present from Garfield and McKinley Lodges. The MM Degree was then conferred on Bro. Byron Coleman Witt of Garfield Lodge by the following Past Masters:

1st Section
W.M. George O. Mallett
S.W. Harry W. Margenau
J.W. William L. Proctor
Treas. John W. Morthland
Sec'y. Clarence J. Cole

S.D. Arthur K. Thompson
J.D. Howard R. Oltz
S.S. John F. Cadwell
J.S. Walter F. Bielefeld
Chap. John S. Lane

2nd Section
Merritt D. Metz K.S.
Fred F. Fuehrmeyer K.H.
John E. Hathaway S.D.
Gordie H. Cauble J.D.
Homer Dell S.S.
Richard I. Ferrell J.S.
John S. Lane Chap.
George Zimmer 1st C.

Claude H. Johnson 1st T
Robert B. Richardson 2nd T
Arthur O. Thornton 3rd T
Yens Anderson S.C.
Ien Granger Way'f M.
Clarence J. Cole Sec'y.
Reuben M. Lamb Lecture
Richard E. Wehr Charge

Oscar F. Weil 2nd C. Clarence J. Cole Trowel
Charles A. Bounds 3rd C.

William L. Proctor (Presented a gift to Bro.Witt)

The Grand Lodge Fifty-year Award of Gold was also presented that night to Bro. Chauncey L. Burgess by Wor. Bro. Merritt D. Metz.

The May 9, 1944 Stated Meeting, brought correspondence from the following Brothers in the Armed Forces:

Pvt. Sheldon Dowdell	Italy
C.M.3/c Alfred Golding	British Isles
Capt. Dee C. Buchanan	New Guinea
Sgt. Durbin G. Brown	Camp Butler N.C.
C.M.3/c William Hite	Quoody Village, Maine

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY PARTY:

May 27, 1944, approximately 175 members and visitors met at the Temple to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the granting of the Charter of McKinley Lodge No. 712 F.& A.M.

Those in attendance assembled in the Arabian Room to partake of a fine dinner. The meeting opened with the singing of God Bless America and the invocation by Wor. Bro. Leroy C. McCullum. After dinner everyone joined in Community Singing accompanied by Bro. Charles Rohde at the piano.

Past Master Merritt D. Metz, Master at the time the Charter was granted, read the minutes of the very first meeting written by Bro. E.W. Miles, the first Secretary of McKinley Lodge. Wor. Bro. Metz then related a number of experiences he encountered as the first Wor. Master of McKinley Lodge. He was followed by Past Master Harry Margenau, our second Master, who also related a number of experiences from his year as Master.

The Lodge received a number of Floral Baskets from the appendant bodies, the Shrine and several other well wishers. A good time was had by all as they reminisced about the early days of McKinley Lodge.

At the June 13, 1944 Stated Meeting, fourteen petitions were read. Among them was one from Mr. Perry Wibur Spork. We will hear more about the Spork Family contribution to McKinley toward the end of this volume.

During 1944, McKinley Lodge Initiated 78, Passed 84 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason the following 83:

Deva Lee Bishop Millard Allen Edinger

Robert Austin Converse
Robert Leland Daugherty
William Willie Schwingendorf
Cecil Keller David, Jr.
Lloyd Alvin Best
Havin Wilmer Larsen
Joseph Clyde Lowrance
Arthur Orin Osman
Raymond Walter Mitchell
Fred Harget Taylor
Henry Claude Edwards
Floyd Jacob Hedges
Paul Arthur Caldwell
Garner Merritt Dickenson
Theodore Abner Landin
Thomas Harper Gaddis
Edison Pitt Beckett
Kenneth Hugo Schwingendorf
Kermit Lyle Whitfield
Percy Wilbur Spork
Byford Eldoris Davis
Charles Clyde Clark
Herbert Dewey Murphy
Robert William Stough
Charles Roy Hendricks, Jr.
Elmer Thomas Pohlplatz
Foster William Smith
Charles Claude MacDonald
Clarence Raymond Ladwig
John Russell Jeffers
Harold R. Swinehart
John George Ralles
Theodore Robert Grady
Louis Herman Carmen
John Paul Sammetinger
Edward Andrew Labas
Howard Kahle
Earl Knowles Phares
Vern George Leets
James Raymond Mathews
John Anthony McLean

Bjarne Austin Bredsten
Paul Dawson Schwingendorf
James David Medcalf
Joseph Szendrey
James Jackson Craig
Howard Hayhurst
Herman Max Loden
William H. Collett
Frank Shanda
Jones Holloway
Henry Earle Liestikow
Merrill Lloyd Miles
William Heilman Shoptaugh
Eustace Chester Farn
Roy Fredrick Harmon
Vernon Edgar Best
Wrel Chester Emory
Raymond Leo Meo
Homer Lee Johnson
Christoph Persch, Jr.
Max David Leonard
Arlington James Daugherty
Joseph Klismer Marvinske
Wilbur J. Fredrick Kessler
Lowel Maynard Darling, Sr.
James Raymond Scott
Wayne Stodgel
Fred Lafayette Peck
Edward Clifford Gragg
Leonard Pete Mitchell
George Huber Laws
Elmer Lewis Worsham
Arnold Dean Wilson
George Armour Sloan
Forest Miles Livingston
Ebert Isaac Riegle
Byron E. Bamber
Francis Winston Ambler
Harold William Vories
Arthur Roland Geberin

There were 11 Brothers Restored in 1944.

Marshall Elliott Belshaw
Lloyd Coover
Benjamin Harrison Strong

Earl Rowley Hart
Edgar Marvin Wilcox
John Clinton Rea

Guy Maxey Whitlach
Raymond Edwin Asay
Richard I. Farrell
Kenneth Malo Warner
Gerald Max Skinner

Two affiliated:
Francis LeCrone Wilson
William Joseph Duncan

Charles Edward Berwanger* died in 1944.

The following eight Master Masons demitted:

Harvey Jackson Skewes
Edward Clifford Gragg
Frank Leroy Trueblood
Clinton Costelloe
Clyde Raymond Morse
Elmer Lewis Worsham
Glen Shelby Breedlove
Jerry George Curtner

An E. A. demit was also granted to Theodore Radcliff Mann.

Dues for seven deserving members were remitted in 1944.

***** 1945 *****

December 16, 1944 a Public Joint Installation of Officers for 1945 was held for the elected and appointed Officers of McKinley and Garfield Lodges. The Installing Master was Wor. Bro. Harry W. Margenau assisted by the Marshal, Wor. Bro. Thomas J. Martinson and Chaplain, Wor. Bro. Leroy C. McCullum.

The McKinley Officers installed were:

W.M. Albert F. Schultz
S.W. John E. Foudray
J.W. Durbin G. Brown
Treas.Frank A. Ambler
Sec'y. Reuben M. Lamb, P.M.
Chap. Leroy C. McCullum, P.M.
S.D. Salvadore Gallucci
J.D. David Cornelison
S.S. Cecil F. Lindsey
J.S. Floyd K. Gwinner
Organ Basil A. Turner
Tyler Charles A. Johnson

Wor. Bro. Leroy C. McCullum and Bro. Durbin G. Brown were installed by proxy.

In addition to the gifts to the outgoing and incoming Masters, gifts were presented to Wor.Bros. Clarence J. Cole of Garfield and to John E. Hathaway of McKinley. Both had been secretaries of their respective Lodges for many years and were resigning their offices at the close of 1944. The tokens of

appreciation were gratefully received but how could a Lodge really give the appreciation so well deserved by these two honorable, selfless and dedicated Masons.

The year started with a real bang! At the January 9, 1945 Stated Meeting, sixteen petitions for the degrees of Masonry were read. At the February 13, 1945 Stated, fourteen petitions were read.

There may have been a curtailment of many activities because of the war but there was a most notable increase in the degree work for the Lodge.

The Lodge voted to remit the 1945 dues of fifty-six McKinley members in the Armed Forces. Their service to this country should continue to be remembered. Their names are as follows: Many who later became members of the Lodge also served during the war but their names are not listed in any minutes of the Lodge.

Dee Curtis Buchanan
Benjamine Dwight Shipley
Glen Richard Clark
Fred Lee Bryant
Charles Robert Minor
Hanley Wilson Staley
Charles G. Garrett (Paid Anyway)
John Hayden Cornelison
Durban George Brown
Joseph George Blackmun
Walter Lee Sanger
Wallace Benjamin Ecklund
Fred Roy Kunz
Alfred Richard Golding
Bartley Brown
Donald Leslie Oltz
Robert Roy Beucus
Sheldon Warren Dowdell
George Frank Miller
Eugene Herman Vanzo
Harold Edward Moore
Raymond Renold Meisel
Robert John Turner
Forrest Miles Livingston
Richard Leonard Klebs
Raymond Leo Meo
Robert E. Childs
Fredrick Louis Erb
William August Pursell
Harry Newton Young
Ralph William Morgenau
Roy Fredrick Domke
Marshall Elliot Belshaw
Walter George Splitt
Wilhelm Beck
Arthur Ditson Smith, Jr.
George Nye Gilbert
Raymond Cecil Downey
William Randolph Hite
Henry Saylor Daugherty
Charles Shelby Poland
Charles Raymond Barkley
Kenneth "R" Hamilton
Robert Eugene Jay
Walter Howard Morris
Sarine Willard Swets
Dean Gilbert Williams
Charles Benjamin Kirsch
Arthur Jones Walstrum
Cecil Keller David, Jr.
Vincel Gordon Sell
William Maurice Kelley
Russell Albert Petrie
Arthur Orin Osman
Joe Bernard Gill
Thomas Gaddis

The March 13, 1945 Stated Meeting, brought the reading of ten petitions and at the April 10 Stated Meeting, 14 petitions were read. The Lodge continued to have the work cut out for it. One of those petitions was from William Goodson Henry who became Worshipful Master of McKinley Lodge in 1969, our Fiftieth Anniversary. Bill has been an untiring worker in McKinley from the time he was Raised to the present. For years now he has served as our custodian and recently (1992), resigned as custodian for he intends to move to California.

A bill for $2.40 to the Collector of Internal Revenue (Social Security) was approved at the April 10, 1945 Stated Meeting. That wasn't much money for anyone to count on in retirement. Grand Master Julian T. Lent was elected to Honorary Membership in McKinley that night in preparation for his visit April 25, 1945.

April 24, 1945, the Sinclair Craft Club assisted in the Raising of Bro. Raymond Lester Watkins, a fellow worker of theirs at the Oil Refinery.

At a joint meeting of Garfield and McKinley Lodges April 25, 1945, in Garfield Lodge, the Most Worshipful Grand Master Julian T. Lett, presented the Grand Lodge Fifty-year Award of Gold to McKinley's Bro. Arthur Thornton. The Grand Master also raised the candidate of the evening, Bro. Ben Howard Bradley of McKinley Lodge, to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. To this date, except for MWGM Clarence Tapper, this is the only time on record that a Grand Master Raised a Candidate of McKinley Lodge. Wor. Bro. Clarance A. Tapper did so when he was Grand Master in 1982-1983.

Due to War Restrictions, Grand Lodge Communication attendance was restricted to Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters and twenty Worshipful Masters to represent the various sections of the state.

Wor. Master, Albert F. Schultz of McKinley Lodge was selected to represent the Lodges in Lake, Porter, Pulaski and Jasper Counties.

Of interest at the May 8, 1945 Stated Meeting, a communication was received from East Chicago Lodge No.595 requesting a "waiver of jurisdiction" for Louis Toth, age 31 of Cedar Avenue in Hammond. The waiver was subsequently granted. Today, Past Master Louis Toth of East Chicago Lodge No. 595, is the Organist for McKinley Lodge, and holds the distinction of a Knight of the York Cross of Honor and honorary membership in McKinley Lodge.

May 25, 1945 Chicago Lodge No. 437 visited a Joint Meeting of McKinley and Garfield Lodges. After a fine dinner in the Grand Ballroom, 91 Members of Garfield and 112 Members of McKinley with their Officers and 140 visitors repaired to McKinley's Lodge Room. Chicago Lodge then conferred the MM Degree on their candidate Bro. Ben Ecker. Wor. Master Rubovitz and his

Officers along with R.W. Bro Eli Phillips of Illinois and Past Deputies and dignitaries received a hearty welcome and great praise for the work done by Chicago Lodge No. 437. An inspiring talk was given on Delinquency in Juveniles entitled "If I Had A Boy", by Wor. Bro. Jacob Braude, a Chicago Judge.

At the June 12, 1945 Stated Meeting, 15 petitions were read. Among them were the petitions of Issiedore B. Clark who, in 1955, became Worshipful Master, and Charles William Lamb, son of Wor. Bro. Reuben Lamb. Bro. Charles "Bill" Lamb received his first two degrees in 1946 while in the Armed Forces, from Batangas Lodge No. 35, F.& A.M. Batangas, Philippine Islands, at the request of McKinley Lodge.

A communication from Whiting Lodge No. 613, advised McKinley they had received a petition from Mr. R. B. Miller and there was concurrent jurisdiction. Bro. R. B. Miller became Principal of Clark High School and later Superintendent of Schools in Hammond. This writer recalls when Bro. Miller was Assistant Superintendent and visited the classes taught by this writer at Irving Jr. High School to evaluate the teaching. He was most complimentary.

A July 23, 1945 Called Meeting, was to hold a Masonic Memorial Funeral Service for Wor. Bro. John Earl Hathaway who was Master of McKinley in 1929, and had been the Secretary of McKinley Lodge for many years. Wor. Bro. Fred Doyle acted as Chaplain and Bro. Charles Johnson as Marshal. Wor. Master Albert F. Schultz carried the 3 G Lights. Pallbearers were those who had been Officers under Wor. Bro. Hathaway. They were Wor. Bros. Howard R. Oltz, Leroy C. McCullum, James Budge, Lyman P. Oltz, Arthur O. Thompson and Bro. Frank Ambler.

The August 14, 1945 Stated Meeting, brought twelve petitions. Among them was one from Mr. William Patrick O'Donnell, who owned and operated the O'Donnall Music College on Hohman Avenue across from Harrison Park. This writer studied the trombone under Mr. O'Donnell and had the highest respect for him. His children were excellent musicians and his daughter Julia, was the pianist for the Hammond High School Boys Chorus when this writer was a member of that group.

October 6, 1945 a Called Joint Meeting with Garfield, opened at 3:00 P.M. The Degree of Master Mason was conferred on two McKinley and four Garfield candidates. That was a full afternoon and evening.

The Stated Meeting of October 9, 1945, brought a motion properly passed, to present each Brother Raised in 1945 with a one year subscription to the Indiana Freemason Magazine. This practice continued through 1991, when the format of the Magazine was changed.

At the December 11, 1945 Annual Stated Meeting, a communication was read in which Grand Secretary Gonzolas, of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine

Islands advised McKinley that Kasilawan Lodge No. 77 of Manila, had conferred the E.A. Degree on our candidate Paschall Allen.

The annual Election and Appointment of Officers took place and the Treasurer reported a balance on hand of $4,282.86.

During 1945, McKinley Lodge Initiated 102, Passed 111, and Raised to the Sublime Degree the following 109 Brothers:

Renold Julius Meisel
Vern Ernest Korlin
Raymond Lester Watkins
Marion Jeana Lynch
Elton Herrick Taylor
William Lawrence Gillespie
William Jennings Talbot
Ben Howard Bradley
Ernest Clair Strickler
Warren Grandon White
Frank Stowman
Marcus Milton Myers
Arlie Allen
Edward Owen Sandstrom
Elmer Albert Kender
Franklin Jackson Hayes
Walter Fay Collins
Louis Joseph Antonini
William Goodson Henry*(WM in 1969)
George L. Dallis
John William Nichols
Howard Oliver Strange
Charles Robert Wark
George B. Hoffman, Jr.
Lawrence John Klegin
Daniel Florian Gill
Robert Donald Brigman
Robert Harrison Bennett
Issiedore Bondie Clark*(WM in 1955)
Carl Franklin Shultz
Charles Duane Durham
William Ludwig Stoehr
Claude Roy Jacobs
Elmer Wayne Smith
Warren Joseph Williams
Herschel Victor Whalen
Ernest Gross
Dudley Sanford Steele

Vigie Wilson Evans
Isaac Jefferson Rogers
Harold Richard Price
William Allison Bridegroom
Theodore T. Sarantos
Garet Elman
Lawrence Edison Rogers
Kenneth J. Hunt
John Harrison Ross
Willard Norman Clark
George Lawrence Braman
Walter Vernon Scheffel
George O'Conner Shaw
William Edward Sloan
John Edward Rettinger
John William Nix
William Bartlett Hoover
Raymond Glen Ackman
Arthur Brian Harlan
Edward Jackson Downing
Thomas Haken Olson
Milton Foster Stoehr
Stanley Skalicky
William Oswald Snipes
Harold Eugene Bates
William Leroy Sutherin
Wayne Harris Ashmore
Harold Jackson Craig
Luther Stanley Kerr
Raymond Arthur Debbert
Karl Luke Park
Virgis Shelby Jones
Lawrence Paul Holm
Fleet Brank Ballard
Robert Clyde Harris
Reginald Vane Howard
Edward Gilbert Lange
William Patrick O'Donnell

Lawrence Gilbert Jackson	George Eichelberger
Glen A. Dorton, Jr.	Clarence Richard Dillon
Robert William Foster	Malcolm Hoyt Benjamin
Marvin Russell Henry	Arthur Glenwood Halbrook
Elmer Lee Farris	August Richter
Robert Karl Bein	Peter T. Ekonomos
Ralph Oscar Pate	Robert Farris Duncan
Frederick Earl Borman	Phillip Herman Weigert
Donald Fredrick Zaun	Herbert Fletcher Miller
Glen Maurice Arnette	Gerald Michael Wagner
Lawrence Robert Curtis	Charles Coats Thompson
Benjamin Edward Spickard	Elbert Henry Garmony
Theotis Mantain Wilkinson	Richard Owen Hutchinson
William G. Bannon	Leondard Edward Harris
Harold Eugene Chelps, Jr.	Howard Chapman
George Emsley Smith	Donald Edward Moran

The following Brothers were restored in 1945:

Myron Dewey Davis	James Harnet Williams
Ralph Henry Benwell	David Chester Hamacher
Fred William Spierner	Francis Lee Hall

James Monroe O'Donnald affiliated in 1945.

The following eight Brothers died during 1945:

John Earl Hathaway, P.M.*	Glenn Maurice Arnette* (Raised in 1945)
Howard A. Boyer	Carl Wolf*
Elbert Logan Woodbridge	William Richard Schillo, Jr.*
William A. Purcell	Wallace Benjamin Ecklund (Died in the Military Service)

Four Brothers Demitted during 1945:

"J" "C" Jackson	Richard I. Farrell
"J" "C" Hicks	Fredrick Kynaston MacDonald

E. A. Demits were granted in 1945 to:
Albert Fischer and Louis Waxman

***** 1946 *****

The Annual Public Joint Installation with Garfield Lodge of the 1946 Officers for both Lodges was held on Saturday, December 29, 1945. Wor. Bro. Olen C. Granger was the Installing Master assisted by Wor. Bro. Thomas J. Martinson as Marshal and Wor. Bro. William L. Procter as Chaplain. The McKinley Officers Installed were:

W.M. John E. Foudray
S.W. Durbin G. Brown
J.W. Salvatorre Gallucci
Treas. Frank A. Ambler
Sec'y. Reuben M. Lamb, P.M.
Tyler Charles A. Johnson
S.D. David H. Cornelison
J.D. Cecil F. Lindsey
S.S. Floyd K. Gwinner
J.S. J. Lloyd Crooks
Chap.Leroy C. McCullum, P.M.
Organ John G. Magan

Following short talks by the outgoing and incoming Masters, the members and guests retired to the Arabian Room where refreshments were served and an orchestra was waiting to provide music for their dancing pleasure.

At the February 12, 1946 Stated Meeting, sixteen petitions were read. A Thank You card was received from Wor.Bro. Ivory C. Tolle, Grand Lecturer, for his Honorary McKinley Membership Dues Card for 1946.

Among the twelve petitions read at the March 12, 1946 Stated Meeting, was one from Clarence Robert Covault, a Hammond Police Officer who became Master of McKinley Lodge in 1961. He has been faithful in attendance ever since and is a pillar in McKinley Lodge.

A Dispensation from M.W. Grand Master Dwight L. Smith was received for McKinley Lodge to Visit Hellenic Lodge No. 1084, A.F. & A.M. of Chicago to confer the MM Degree on our candidate, Louis Nathaniel Karras. Bro. "Nate" Karras is a renown architect in the area. Hellenic Lodge in Chicago is a Lodge whose members are primarily of Greek decent and strong ties between Hellenic Lodge and McKinley Lodge have existed for many years. It is always a pleasure to attend their "Easter Feast of Lamb", and this writer with several other members of McKinley Lodge has had that privilege several times.

Literary license is taken here to say a word about M.W. Grand Master Dwight L. Smith. This writer had the privilege of meeting and talking with him at Grand Lodge in 1983. His famous book, "A Goodly Heritage" was published in 1968. Never has anyone been more courteous, kind and friendly than Wor. Bro. Dwight L. Smith, Past Grand Master. After an address this writer delivered to Grand Lodge in 1982, Wor. Bro. Smith tendered praise and encouragement. He repeated the kind words again after he reading the play entitled "The Mason Who Served Two Flags". This writer holds Wor. Bro. Smith in the highest esteem as a Mason and a writer. His book is far superior

to this History of McKinley Lodge.

This history is really a Chronicle of events of McKinley Lodge. A real History should have Social and Moral Value. It is this writers hope that the reader, like the writer, will know many of the Masons listed in this Chronicle and hold them in high esteem as Role Models for Social and Moral Values of Masonry and the survival of our Lodge.

The 1946 dues were remitted for thirty-two members of McKinley who were in the Armed Services.

The April 9, 1946 Stated Meeting, brought the petition of Harold B. Jackson along with twelve others. Bro. Harold Jackson became a Master of McKinley Lodge in 1954.

Eighteen petitions were read at the May 14, 1946 Stated Meeting. Although this writer has known many of those petitioning McKinley Lodge, he does not have the space to recite many of the anecdotes he could relate about their respective roles as men and Masons. It is hoped that those many friends and Brothers reading this manuscript will not be disappointed in the fact that many memories we share are not related here because of the space and time considerations.

One petitioner for membership by affiliation, from Riley Lodge No. 370 F.& A.M. (near Terre Haute, Indiana), this writer must mention. The great influence on this writer and the indebtedness owed the man requires the space allocation. Bland Thurman McNabney, Born on January 30, 1895 at Lewis, Indiana petitioned McKinley Lodge for Affiliation at the April 9, 1946 Stated Meeting. He was not only the father of this writer but a true Masonic Brother in every sense of the word.

An Invitation from Garfield Lodge was read at the May 14, 1946 Stated Meeting, inviting McKinley Members to attend the performance of a play entitled "Greater Love Hath No Man". The play was sponsored and produced by the Masonic Library Committee.

Among the eleven petitions read at the June 11, 1946 Stated Meeting, was that of Martin Kaufman who became Worshipful Master of McKinley Lodge in 1964. As a teacher of one of his children this writer got to know "Marty" quite well and learned to respect his outspoken admonitions in Lodge for "better quality" in our degree work.

A communication read at the September 10, 1946 Stated Meeting, from Batangas Lodge No. 35 F. & A.M., in Batangas, Philippine Islands stated they had conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree December 7, 1945, and the Fellowcraft Degree January 15, 1946, on our candidate Charles William Lamb. Charles "Bill" Lamb was the son of Wor. Bro. Reuben Lamb. Bro. "Bill" was

Raised to the Sublime Degree in the Philippine Islands later in 1946.

Members of McKinley Lodge were invited to join Garfield Lodge in observing "Family Night" on October 19, 1946. Several members and their families attended this function and felt this should be an annual affair.

A picture, given this writer by Wor. Bro. "Bill" Henry, shows about 38 McKinley Members in front of a Victory Trailways Motor Coach. The back of the picture says "Taken at South Milwaukee, Wisconsin, outside Jeremiah M. Rusk Lodge, October 26, 1946". This writer recognizes only about fifteen of the Brothers. The photograph also says, "Photograph by Harry Lindquist, 1214 Marshall Ave., Milwaukee, Wisconsin."

Nineteen petitions were read at the November 12, 1946 Stated Meeting. A notice from Garfield Lodge was read stating they had conferred the MM Degree on McKinley candidates Leroy France Smith, Malcolm Maxwell and Harry Wayne Taylor agreeable to our request. McKinley just had too much work at the time.

A letter from M.W. Grand Master Orvis A. Dellinger congratulated McKinley on the praise given McKinley by the Grand Lecturer, Ivory C. Tolle on his recent Inspection.

During 1946 McKinley Lodge Initiated 103, Passed 89 to the Degree of Fellowcraft and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason the following 85 Brothers:

Richard Cole Brady
William Wade Nichols
Thomas James Long
Isadore Edward Friedman
Edward Henry Riechers
Roy Donald Tanney
Louis Nataniel Karras
Robert George Haack
Roy Arthur Muenich
Raymond Charles Laughlin
Cecil Venton Gundy
William Gregory Baltas
Vernon Thomas Shropshire
Byron Leslie Anderson
Orris Claude Heap
William Belmont Harmon
William Harold Tubbs
Glen Roy Smith
Ralph Domonic Klein
Aaron Roth
Kenneth Grier Iverson
George Edward Bein
Arthur Alexander Hyde
Eugene Arthur Davis
John Arthur Lake
James Benton Weeks
Thomas Dale Flickinger
Richard Frederick Haack
William Texal Sparks
Marshall Raymond Minter
Herman Alton Cothran
Theodore Dell Bradburn
Thomas Peter Chintis
Gilbert Thomas Neil
Raymond Ruff
Clarence Robert Covault*(WM in 1961)
Lloyd L. Brandenburg
Theodore Edward Dixon
Charles Frank Christopher
Fred William Dearing

Warren Leslie Bell
LeRoy Francis Smith
Harold B. Jackson*(WM in 1954)
John Wesley Mitchell
Eugene Debs Mitchell
Marvin Chester Hallowell
Frederick Beasley Morton
Clifford Eugene Duggan
Berson Stanley Evert
Harry Carl Tolf
Robert Parker Miles
Thomas James Roberts
Emory Gordon Gideon
Jacob James Goetzinger
James Oscar Walker
Max Allen Adams
Harold Miles Norris
John Thomas Smethers
Willis James Matthews
Allen Harvey Temple
Czar Chambers Doak
John Van de Lester
Earl Elmer Chansler
Lloyd J. Straughn
Harry Wayne Taylor
John Mitchell
John Thomas Mitchell
Herbert Franklin Geiselman
Richard Harvey Dibblee
Malcolm Maxwell
Lawrence Carl Mullen Long
Errett Sidney Martin
Edward George Wheeler
Fred Raymond Walker
Roy Merrill Castle
Charles Roy Walker
Thomas Edward McFee
Fleet Ballard, Jr.
Miles Norris
Herbert Adolph Sorenson
Louis H.O. Wulf
Charles William Lamb
Morris Fred Crooks
James Arthur Dugger
Lester Eugene Hallgren

The following eight Brothers were Restored in 1946:

Edwin G. Frederick
James Shaw Whitehead
Otto J. Janachek
Max Louis Hunter
Harold Loertz Douglas
Kenneth Charles Millard
Richard C. Holson
Maurice Benjamin Cohen

The following nine Brothers Affiliated in 1946:

George Clifford Pierce
Peter Harry Beratis
Joseph E. Harvey
Bland Thurman McNabney
Eric Arvid Kallen
James William Hood
Le Roy Andrew Fraza
Guston Benjamin Sams
Louis Ronald Albrecht

The following six Brothers Demitted:

Leonard Pete Mitchell
James William Stewart
Robert Donald Brigman
Roy Edward Brandon
Willis James Matthews
Daniel Florian Gill

One was suspended for nonpayment of dues.

The following nine Brothers died during 1946:

Walter Fred Bielefeld*
Calvin Andrew Bowman
Harold R. Swinehart*
Robert Clyde Harris
Charles G. Miller
William Thomas Carter
Edgar Marvin Wilcox
Fred Halfacre
George Frank Miller

******* 1947 *******

The Lodge met at 8:00 p.m., Saturday, December 28, 1946, in a Joint Meeting with Garfield Lodge to Install the 1947 Elected and Appointed Officers of their respective Lodges. The Installing Master was Wor. Bro. George O. Mallett of Garfield Lodge, the Installing Marshal was Wor. Bro. Thomas J. Martinson of McKinley Lodge, the Installing Chaplain was the Reverend Brother Paul Schaeffer of Garfield Lodge and the Master of Ceremonies was Wor. Bro. Olen C. Granger of Garfield Lodge. The Officers for McKinley Lodge No. 712 F.& A.M. for 1947 were duly Installed as follows:

W.M. Durbin G. Brown
S.W. Salvatorre Gallucci
J.W. David H. Cornelison
Treas. Frank A. Ambler
Sec'y. Reuben M. Lamb, P.M.
Chap. Leroy C. McCullum, P.M.
S.D. Cecil F. Lindsey
J.D. Floyd K. Gwinner
S.S. John Lloyd Crooks
J.S. David W. Beach
Organ John G. Magan
Tyler Charles A. Johnson

After the presentation of Past Master Jewels, remarks by the outgoing and incoming Masters, the Job's Daughters gave a beautiful ceremony including a prayer for Wisdom for the incoming Masters and the Welfare of the Lodges. The public was invited to join the Lodge Brothers and their wives for dancing in the Ballroom.

The year started with a bang! At the January 14, 1947 Stated Meeting, twenty petitions were read. The Lodge also voted to remit the dues of eight members due to hardship and inability to pay. Three additional members had their dues remitted agreeable to the Grand Lodge Regulation that fifty-year members would have their dues remitted.

Over the years McKinley Lodge had helped many Lodges by conducting Masonic Funeral Services for their deceased Brothers who died in Hammond or near Hammond. One such Brother was Frank Thomas Hallett, a member of Englewood Lodge No. 690, A.F.& A.M., of Chicago, Illinois. Services were conducted by McKinley Lodge on Saturday, January 25, 1947. Many other Lodges have assisted McKinley in like manner.

Saturday, February 8, 1947, the MM Degree was conferred in full form on eight candidates. It took the entire day and evening. Arrangements had been made for the Eastern Star to serve dinner between sessions. Seven of the candidates were McKinley Lodge candidates and one, Bro. Joe H. Davis, was Raised as a courtesy to Abilene Lodge No. 559. A.F.& A.M., of Abilene, Texas.

The Lodge continued to grow as fourteen petitions were read at the February 11, 1947 Stated Meeting. Among those petitioners was Jesse Harold Cox. "J" Harold, as we knew him became Worshipful Master of McKinley Lodge in 1962.

The Stated Meeting of March 11, 1947, brought the report of the Masonic Building Association. The report included the 1947 budget and a request that McKinley Lodge pay their share of $3,684.73 for the year 1947. The balance on hand as reported that night was $4,660.27.

At a Special Called Meeting on Saturday, March 15, 1947, the Master Mason Degree was conferred on four McKinley Brothers. After the degree work, Bro. Paul Boston, Superintendent of the LaPorte Public Schools in LaPorte, Indiana was introduced and gave an excellent talk on the subject of "George Washington and Masonry".

An invitation from Whiting Lodge No. 613 to attend their Golden Anniversary Celebration was read at the May 13, 1947 Stated Meeting. A Called Meeting for May 24, 1947, was to Raise three Garfield Candidates to the Sublime Degree. This was done at the request of Garfield Lodge. The three were Bros. Albert Rodda, Roy Stanley Dorton and Robert McClure Patterson.

May 29, 1947, an interesting meeting with Garfield Lodge was held to give a devotional memorial tribute to four McKinley and fourteen Garfield members who had passed away between June 2, 1946 and May 29, 1947. The Rev. Bro. Paul Schaeffer led the devotions following the conferring of the MM Degree on Garfield's candidate John Charles Lutz.

Another Joint Past Masters Night with Garfield Lodge was held Saturday, June 14, 1947. After a fine dinner the members and guests were entertained by the Roosevelt Lodge Choral Club of Gary, Indiana, followed by a Memorial Service honoring deceased Past Masters from both Lodges.

The Lodges then repaired to the auditorium with their Charters (by dispensation from the Grand Master) to receive the honored quests from Grand Lodge and appendant bodies and to confer the MM Degree in full form. In addition to the Officers of both Lodges, there were 106 members of Garfield and 139 members of McKinley plus 94 visitors present.

Grand Lodge Officers present were:
M.W. Grand Master, W. Henry Roberts

R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Carl L. Hibberd
R.W. Senior Grand Warden, John W. Thornburgh
Grand Marshal, John E. Baldridge
Senior Grand Deacon, Oswald A. Tislow
Junior grand Deacon, Newell Lamb
Grand Lecturer, Ivory C. Tolle
Grand Tyler, Charles E. Lucas

Fifteen Past Masters of McKinley, nineteen Past Masters of Garfield and six visiting Past Masters were present. The Past Masters of McKinley and Garfield filled all the stations for the degree work. Also present were the Presiding Officers of Hammond York Rite Chapter # 117, Royal Arch Masons, Hammond Council # 90 of Illustrious Masters and Hammond Commandery #41, Knights Templar.

Between the first and second sections of the degree, the Fifty-year Grand Lodge Award of Gold was presented to Wor. Bro. Harry A. Sharrer and Wor. Bro. George O. Mallett of Garfield Lodge. The presentations were made by the M.W. Grand Master, W. Henry Roberts. Congratulatory telegrams were read from the secretary of the Scottish Rite in South Bend and from the Illustrious Potentate of Orak Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. It was a very full and happy evening of Masonic fellowship.

Among the ten petitions read at the July 8, 1947 Stated Meeting, was one from Ralph Havling. Ralph became Master of McKinley Lodge in 1956.

At the September 9, 1947 Stated Meeting, a motion passed for the Lodge to contribute $1.00 per member, as of this date, to the Masonic Home Board. The purpose was to financially help in the construction of a new addition. The Lodge also voted to suspend six brothers for nonpayment of dues.

Under Communications in the Order of Business, a notice from the Grand Master told of the resignation of Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. William H. Swintz and the appointment of Past Grand Master Dwight L. Smith. His Installation was held December 29, 1947, in Mystic Tie Lodge No. 378, in Indianapolis, Indiana and the Lodge membership was invited to attend.

December 9, 1947, the annual Election of Officers was held and the Treasurer reported a balance of hand of $3,036.60.

During 1947, McKinley Lodge Initiated 70, Passed 82 to the Degree of Fellowcraft and Raised the following 94 Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

Ervin Frank Imhoff
Vincel J. Hays
Gail Borden Colgrove
John Oliver McAnnulty
Joseph Frank Long
Arthur Ray Rossborough

Lester Conoway
William H. Chambers
Thomas Euell Alexander
William Calvin Lowe
George James Cooper
Raymond Howard Baars
Unie Jeffries
William Jonathon Singerfoo
Edward LeRoy Morrison
Jesse Harold Cox *(WM in 1962)
George Everett Camplin
Ernest Lyle Whiteman
George Reese Nichols
Samuel Theodore Schultz
Harold Wilbur Sangbush
Elmer Yale Soule
George Leonard Brown
Edward Francis Clark
James Henry O'Neal
Harry C. Monroe, Jr.
Walter Lee Goin
Ralph Havling*(WM in 1956)
Fred George Bukenhofer
Clyde James Andres
Guthrie Marvin Hatfield
Henry DeFries
John William Fischer
Arthur Edmund Gilchrist
Vernon Barcus Randall
William LeRoy Kingery
Durwood Junior Brown
Dan Guy Franklin
Roy C. Thompson
Charles Everette Hopkins
Charles George Vogel
Frederick Ernst Wilson
James Elfry Fifer
Harlan Thomas Dennis
John Edward Finck
William Grubbs Highland
Charles Ruben O'Neal
Otto Giesler Schmidt
John Wesley Rose
Fayette Edward Browning
Robert Keith Riley
Leo Frank Kassel
Lloyd Andrew Peterson
William John Tamm
Howard Earl Wilson
William Franklin Davis
William Tecumseh Smith
Gus Argus
Howard Neil Stromquist
Merle Faye Patton
Bernard Hensley Jackson
Matthew Russell Parks
Edwin Price Glover
Clayton Warne Hershman
John Warren McGarr
James Richard McLaughlin
Michael Vacendak
Jewel Richard McCoy
Karl Dean Hellwig
Walter Pepperdine
Clarence Burt Monnett
Harry Eldon Barnard
Victor Monnett
Frank Baxter Keller
Everett Daniel Perdew
George Elliott Jarrard
Max Matheuas Fischer
Charles Heck Miller
William Jackson Logan
John Clair Boylan
George James White
Martin Kaufman*(WM in 1964)
George Wilmer Rivers
Bernard Kaufman
Frank William Call
Thomas Irvin Melton
Walter Hoyt Clark
Paul Charles Humbert
Robert Junior Rarick
Russell Kennedy Glass
Rolland Jess Nutting
Leonard Malmanger
George Charles Tsatsos
Martin Lane Olsen

The following Brothers were restored in 1947:
Herbert Wellman Detrick
Harry Arthur Fowler

Cecil William Cassaday **Hazel Woodford Bellamy**

Two Brothers affiliated in 1947:
Elmer Noah Martin **Lloyd Clarence Danielson**

The following four Brothers died during 1947:
Charles Edward Lanham* **Franklin Jackson Hayes***
Fleet B. Ballard, Sr.* **Ernest Claire Strickler***
*** (Masonic Memorial Service was conducted by McKinley Lodge)**

The following four Demitted during 1947:
Roy Fredrick Harmon **Francis Lee Hall**
Robert Eugene Hyzer **Willard Norman Clark**

Six were suspended for nonpayment of dues.

******* 1948 *******

The Annual Public Joint Installation of the elected and appointed Officers of Garfield and McKinley Lodges for 1948 was held on Saturday, December 27, 1947. It was held in the auditorium of the Hammond Masonic Temple on Muenich Court, by Special Dispensation from the Grand Master of Masons of Indiana.

The wives of the Officers were presented with beautiful corsages and escorted into the auditorium to seats reserved for them. The Master of Ceremonies was Wor. Bro. Arthur O. Thornton of McKinley Lodge. The Installing Master was Wor. Bro. George O. Mallett, of Garfield Lodge, the Installing Marshal was Wor. Bro. Thomas J. Martinson, of McKinley Lodge, and the Installing Chaplain was Wor. Bro. William L. Proctor of Garfield Lodge.

The McKinley Lodge Officers installed were as follows:

W.M. Salvatore Gallucci	**S.D. Floyd K. Gwinner**
S.W. David H. Cornelison	**J.D. John Lloyd Crooks**
J.W. Cecil F. Lindsey	**S.S. David W. Beach**
Treas. Frank A. Ambler	**J.S. Harold B. Jackson**
Sec'y. Reuben M. Lamb, P.M.	**Chap.Leroy C. McCullum, P.M.**
Tyler Charles A. Johnson	**Organ. John G. Magan**

Following the Installation, Bro. Wade Booth introduced his "Ambassadors of Song" who entertained with a number of fine musical selections. The Lodge

was then purged and Closed in Form by the members present. After closing, the Jobs Daughters entered the auditorium and formed a White Cross between the Alter and the West. Garfield's Chaplain gave the benediction and the Job's Daughters retired leaving the outline of the Cross in white carnations on the floor of the auditorium.

The Stated Meeting of January 13, 1948, brought the reading of 19 petitions. This writer feels this to be the largest number of petitions read at any Stated Meeting in McKinley Lodge. There were 88 members and four visitors present for the meeting and they were thrilled at the number of prospective members. Among the petitioners was Owen Walter DeRolf. Owen is a pillar in McKinley Lodge. He has helped with the remodeling work of the present Temple in Schererville and this writer has never known him to be absent from a meeting.

As had happened for several years now, there was another communication from Whiting Lodge No. 613 F. & A.M., relative to concurrent jurisdiction with McKinley Lodge of petitioners to their Lodge. At the January 13, 1948 Stated Meeting, Whiting requested favorable action on one new petitioner and four McKinley members who petitioned Whiting Lodge for Affiliation. Requests for a waiver of jurisdiction were sent and received on a regular basis involving a number of Masonic Lodges in the area. McKinley was having to write the same request letters to Whiting Lodge No. 613. It probably all balanced out in the long run.

The February 10, 1948 Stated Meeting, brought the petition of Carl William Chansler among the nine received. C. William Chansler became Wor. Master of McKinley Lodge in 1957. For a number of years after his year as Wor. Master, he was the caretaker of the Masonic Temple in Hammond.

A memorial to Past Grand Master Thomas B. Bohon was read and incorporated in the minutes of the February Stated Meeting. R.W. Bro. Bohon died on November 2, 1947. He was the M.W. Grand Master in 1918-1919, who granted the original Dispensation and Charter to McKinley Lodge.

McKinley Lodge received notice at the March 9, 1948 Stated Meeting, that our portion of the Masonic Building Association Budget for 1948 was $4,233.70. There were twelve petitions read at the meeting and these new petitioners were most welcome.

At the Stated Meeting of April 13, 1948, a receipt from Grand Secretary R.W. Dwight Smith acknowledged payment by McKinley of $1460.50 to the construction fund of the Indiana Masonic Home.

The May 11, 1948 Stated Meeting, brought fifteen petitions and a letter of thanks for a contribution to Seaview Cemetery in Canada toward the upkeep of the grave of Past Master Frank Greatbatch. A motion was passed to authorize the purchase of robes for the Officers and Craft for $1,100.00.

A petition of interest to this writer was read at the June 8, 1948 Stated Meeting. It was the last of seven petitions read and it came from Berchard LaMar Glant. "Percy" now known as "Louie" Glant is a life long friend or this writer. We served in Italy during World War II and though our paths did not cross, he was severely wounded and lost his right arm in the conflict. My personal respect for this Friend and Brother ranks as high as can be found in our Fraternity.

He compensated remarkably for the loss of his arm and became a draftsman. A Special Dispensation from the Grand Master agreeable to Section 103 of the Grand Lodge General Regulations was required before the ballot could be spread for "Percy". The dispensation (McKinley's first) was granted and following his election, LaMar received his degrees in 1949. For many years now Brother Glant has lived in Chattanooga, Tennessee and is a member of Hill City Lodge No 603. His letter to this writer states that his heart "will always be with McKinley Lodge.

It was at the July 13, 1948 Stated Meeting that the Lodge voted to present each newly made Master Mason with a Masonic Bible. This custom is still in existence. Also at this meeting, one of the fourteen petitions read was from Frazier Francis Andrews who became Master of McKinley Lodge in 1966.

The Stated Meeting of August 10, 1948, brought the reading of the petition of Berton Dwight Beaman who became Master of McKinley Lodge in 1978.

A letter from Mrs. Ida Purcell was read at the September 14, 1948 Stated Meeting. She advised us that the body of our Friend and Brother William A. Pursell, had been recovered in Germany and was being returned home for burial. Her son had been reported "Missing in Action" over Germany during the war.

A "Statement of Examination" from the Grand Lodge was read indicating that the total assets of McKinley Lodge amounted to $20,805.99. Our cash on hand was $2,405.00 and our membership numbered 894 as of August 31, 1948.

McKinley Lodge was continuing a very heavy schedule. On their visit to Lakeside Lodge No. 739 A.F. & A.M., in Chicago on September 22, 1948, they conferred the MM Degree on McKinley candidate Howard Eugene Cotner. To illustrate their heavy schedule, an example of the October calendar for 1948, is as follows: It illustrates the great amount of sacrifice and dedication of the 1948 Lodge Officers and members.
Tuesday, October 5, 1948 -- Fellowcraft Degree conferred on eight candidates.

Friday, October 8, 1948 -- 29 members and 55 guests present for the Grand Lecturer Examination of the Master Mason Degree.

Saturday, October 9, 1948 -- Master Mason Degree conferred on six candidates. Seventy-six members and seventy-one visitors were present.

Tuesday, October 12, 1948 -- Stated Meeting - 14 petitions were read, and the ballot spread on ten others.

Thursday, October 14, 1948-- Fellowcraft Degree conferred on four candidates

Tuesday, October 19, 1948 -- E.A. Degree on five candidates

Thursday, October 21, 1948-- E.A. Degree on four candidates

Tuesday, October 26, 1948 -- MM Degree on three candidates

Tuesday, October 2, 1948 -- F.C. Degree on nine candidates

Saturday, November 6, 1948-- MM Degree on six candidates.
That schedule really kept them busy.

At the October 12, 1948, Stated Meeting, the petition of Allen Martin Domke was read. Bro. Domke became Wor. Master of McKinley Lodge in 1958. The petition of Richard Earl Covault was also read. He is the brother of Wor. Bro. Clarence Covault.

Under Miscellaneous Business, the Lodge adopted a proposal of our Secretary, Wor. Bro. Reuben M. Lamb, that a letter be sent to the Grand Secretary, advising him that North Township, in effect, was like one city and that all Lodges located therein should be viewed as one city in regard to petition jurisdiction. It would save a lot of letter writing by all the Lodges in the Township.

The Standard Oil Craft Club conferred the MM Degree on Carl McCaw, a fellow worker at Standard Oil. He was one of the six candidates on November 6, 1948.

The November 9, 1948 Stated Meeting brought the reading of nine petitions. Among them was one from George W. Malcolm. George Malcolm became Wor. Master of McKinley in 1959. The Lodge voted to subscribe to the "Hammond Credit Bureau Bulletin" to be used to help in the investigation of petitioners. Permission was received from the Grand Masters of Texas and Indiana, to confer the Fellowcraft Degree on candidate Edward Leroy Matthews of Cade-Rothwell Lodge No. 1151, of Huston, Texas, with a request to notify them when Bro.Matthews was proficient.

A bill from Wor. Bro. Clarence J. Cole in the amount of $46.35 for the "Square and Compass" was approved. Wor. Bro. Cole had become the owner and editor of the "Square and Compass" and was well known and loved by every

Mason in the area.

A communication from Grand Lodge notified McKinley of an increase in the cost of the "Indiana Freemason". This was the first increase since its inception in 1923. One year subscriptions by the Lodge would be $1.00. Individual yearly subscriptions would be $1.50.

Saturday, November 20, 1948, McKinley made a visitation to Momence Lodge No. 481 A.F. & A.M., in Momence, Illinois where they conferred the MM Degree on McKinley candidate Francis J. Mueller. The bill for $122.80 to the Chicago and Calumet District Transit Company for the three busses was approved at the December 14, 1948 Stated Meeting.

The annual Election of Officers was held at this meeting and the Secretary reported a balance on hand in the Treasury of $4,650.66.

During 1948, McKinley Lodge Initiated 93, Passed 87 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason the following listed 82:

Paul Henry Foltz
Robert Roy Groves
Harry William Sommers, Jr.
William Thomas Hunter
George Herbert Cooper
Paul Thomas Cantrell
Grover Gilliough Kennett
Burley B. Ross
Raymond Edward Davis
Frank Lewis
Jesse Omar Stinson
Howard Lewis Rose
Charles Edward Neil
Lee Fred Hascall
James Austin Neely
Owen Walter DeRolf
Aaron Clifford Alley
Robert Alexander Morris
Melvin Armstrong
Carl William Chansler*(WM in 1957)
Kenneth Edward Truenab
Karl Newton Woerner
Herbert Payne
Robert Lee Axe
John Trcka
Truman James Wilkinson
Charles Harvey Wainwright
Allen Franklin Mohr
Francis Rex Bennett
Joseph Andrew Miller
William Homar Jacobs
Alvin Sterling Murphy
James McClure Turner
Eugene Howard Moore
Renner Richard Hofmann
Edward Alfred Pagels
Walter Eugene Groff
John August Swanson
Howard Eugene Cotner
William Marion Lawrence
Harry William Vance
Paul George Johnson
Ray Wolfe Spiller
Lorin Spyker Stine
Edward Ashton Parker
William Herman Lehmker
Guy Bevere Smith
Lavern Evans Biggerstaff
William Dellose Neiswinger
Carl McCaw
Fred Smith
Clifford Raymond Misner
Fraizer Francis Andrews*(WM in 1966)
Earl Thomas Pringle
Berton Dwight Beaman*(WM in 1978)
John Nickolas Kirsch

Donald Henderson Curtis
Cecil Clayton Matthews
Eugene Rittanour Jones
Thomas Henry Jerome
Donald Melvin Thomas
James Edison Larimer
Arthur LeRoy Emerson
Robert Kenneth Stalcup
"B" Keith Parker
Daryl Childs Dunsing
Roy Nicholas Freeman
Earl Delmar Pigg
Delbert Truman Chansler
Willis Cameron Keith
Anthony Smolen
Robert Joseph Stamp
James Kirby Thomas
John Edward Smith
Francis J. Mueller
Matthew Adolph Van Senus, Jr.
Thomas Staley Anderson
Ralph Ernest Anderson
Stanley Charles Konefsky
Clifford Parks
James Howard Hunley
Richard Earl Yates

The following five Brothers were restored during 1948:
Grant Bellany
Edgar Dean Crumpacker
Omer DeLoss Martin
Jacob Kasper Woerner
Leslie Harold Young

Brother Gerald Robert Buhler affiliated in 1948.

The following seven Brothers died during 1948:
Walter Shannon Armstrong*
Omer Fremont Harvey
Philip Noel Sendak*
Benjamin Harrison
James Myron Adams*
Edwin George Steineck
William Will Schwingendorff*

Seven Brothers Demitted in 1948:
Robert Eugene Jay
Vernon Barcus Randall
Donald Wayne Metz
Glen Mark Surprise
George Herman Bein
Charles Duane Durham
John Wendell Jones

Five were suspended for nonpayment of dues.

***** 1949 *****

The Officers of McKinley and Garfield Lodges for 1949, were jointly Installed Saturday, Devember 18, 1948. The Installation was held in the auditorium of the Hammond Masonic Temple under Special Dispensation from Grand Master, Carl L. Hibberd to hold a Public Installation in the auditorium. The Most Worshipful Grand Master was present and was the Installing Master. Right Worshipful Brother Arnold Coons was the Installing Marshal and Wor. Bro. Leroy C. McCullum of McKinley Lodge was the Installing Chaplain. The

Officers Installed were:

W.M. David H. Cornelison	S.D. John Lloyd Crooks
S.W. Cecil F. Lindsey	J.D. David W. Beach
J.W. Floyd K. Gwinner	S.S. Harold B. Jackson
Treas. Frank A. Ambler	J.S. Issiedore B. Clark
Sec'y. Reuben M. Lamb, P.M.	Chap. Leroy C. McCullum, P.M.
Tyler Charles A. Johnson	Organ John G. Magan

The Grand Master was presented with a small token of appreciation. He in turn presented the new Masters with their Emblems of Authority and also presented Past Master Jewels to the retiring Masters.

Following the formal Installation, the M.W. Grand Master presented Thirty-third Degree Jewels, to Bro. Melvin A. Monnett of Garfield Lodge, and to McKinley Brother, J. Clynn Ellyson. They had recently been elected to that high office.

The petitions of three friends of this writer were among the thirteen read at the January 11, 1949 Stated Meeting. One was from Bert Ora Keeler, who after retiring as Principal of Washington Elementary School in Hammond, filled in as Assistant Superintendent for this writer during the 1968-1969 School Year. This enabled this writer to take the remaining year of study required for the Doctorate Degree at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana.

Another petitioner known to this writer was Kenneth Anderson Litton, a fellow student at Hammond High School student and a fellow Italian Campaign Veteran. Kenny's wife Marilyn was also a school friend and worked for a while for the School City of Hammond.

The third petition was from Bruce Conrad Cook. Dr. Cook rode back and forth to Indiana University with this writer during our undergraduate days. He married Mary June Larson, the Valedictorian of this writers 1941 Graduating Class at Hammond High. We later taught together for two years at Irving Junior High in Hammond.

Under Miscellaneous Business at the February 8, 1949 Stated Meeting, the Wor. Master appointed a committee consisting of Bros. Reuben M. Lamb, Edward Lasbury and Raymond Ruff, "to handle any questions in connection with sponsoring DeMolay in so far as they might effect McKinley Lodge." It is this writers understanding that the Willis R. Ford Chapter of DeMolay was originally sponsored by the Hammond Commandery, No. 41, Knights Templar. It was not until 1989 that McKinley Lodge undertook to reestablish the Chapter in the McKinley Lodge Masonic Temple in Schererville, Indiana. (More Later)

At the March 8, 1949 Stated Meeting, nineteen petitions were read, equaling the previous record, although one of them was for membership by affiliation. Our dues to Grand Lodge for 1949, was $1,804.20 and the bill was approved.

At the April 12, 1949 Stated Meeting, an invitation from Federal Lodge No. 1, in Washington, D.C., was read for McKinley to attend "Indiana Night", on May 23, 1949. At the same meeting, an invitation was received to visit Olive Branch Lodge No. 538, Danville, Illinois on April 30, 1949, and confer the MM Degree on a McKinley Candidate. The invitation to Olive Branch Lodge was accepted.

McKinley Lodge also visited Whiting Lodge No. 613, the night of April 13, 1949, with 55 McKinley members present.

At the April 12, 1949 Stated Meeting, a by-Laws change was required to conform to an increase in the fee for the Degrees from $50.00 to $80.00. The proposal had to be held over to the next Stated Meeting in conformity with other provisions in the By-Laws. The proposal was accepted at the May, 10, 1949, Stated Meeting.

The Lodge voted at the July 12, 1949 Stated Meeting, to purchase a Past Masters Apron for each Past Master, and to provide a place in the Temple for the aprons to be kept. This practice is still in effect, but most Past Masters keep their aprons at home and reserve wearing them for special occasions to keep them looking attractive.

The August 9, 1949, Stated Meeting, brought a communication from the Grand Lodge approving the change in our By-Laws relative to raising the Petition fee to $80.00.

A Joint Past Masters Night was held in Garfield Lodge sometime during this period for a bill for $193.30 was past on motion allowed, to Flo Daniels, O.E.S., for food for Past Masters Night. The bill was voted at the October 11, 1949, Stated Meeting.

Saturday, October 22, 1949, both Garfield and McKinley worked all day to help McKinley "catch up" on the Degree work. Lodge opened at 9:00 A.M. and McKinley conferred the EA Degree on two candidates, closed the EA Lodge and opened an MM Lodge. They conferred the MM Degree on eleven candidates, and after dinner, conferred the MM Degree on the twelfth candidate of the day.

Garfield Lodge, at our request, conferred the MM degree on six McKinley Candidates also on October 22, 1949. The candidates were:

Charles Fredrick Kerr
Estell Elwood Grace
Nick Gheaja, Jr.
Frank W. Bishop

Clay Burton Beaman Paul Elwood Barnett.

Bro. Barnett became very active in the York Rite and in addition to serving in the East in each of the Hammond York Rite Bodies, he served as Indiana Grand Prelate in 1979-1980 and is still very active in the York Rite.

An "Education Meeting was called by Wor. Master David H. Cornelison on October 22, 1949, to instruct all newly made Master Masons and request them to "Earn Their Wages". Each of the forty-two new members present agreed to take some part in future Degree work.

At the December 13, 1949 Stated Meeting, that the Lodge voted to increase the Secretary's salary to $75.00 per month. Up to this point in time the salary had been, only $74.25 per quarter.

During 1949, McKinley Lodge Initiated 93, Passed 103, and Raised to the Sublime Degree the following listed 111 Master Masons:

Richard Earl Covault
George W. Malcolm*(WM in 1959)
William Loren Evans
Floyd Leroy Emmerson
George Clifford Mauck
John LeRoy Troutman
Kenneth Anderson Litton
William Hubert Freeman
Ray Wiker
Martin Luther DeLong
Lloys Arthur Fredley
William Rienhart Lenz
Oliver William Kirkeby
Louis Jerome Kunz
Edward Josepj Kocklin
William Wallace Ford
Harold Warrner Grothman
Herbert Lowell Hill
Wilbur Cotner
James Adam Richardson
Joseph Johnson Ingraham
Milton James Wickhorst, Jr.
Bruce Conrad Cook
Norman Dale Cornelison
Forest William Imer
Anton Grosner
Ermyl Wayne Bloyd
Richard Francis Benesh
Charles Woodrow Tharp
Lester Ellwyn O'Brien
William Norman Emmerson
Berchard LaMar Glant
George Fredrick Parsons
Bert Ora Keeler
Clyde John Otto
Thomas Dicicco
Russell Dale Moore
Ernest Woodrow Gentz
Donald Eugene Bush
Ralph Beck
Charles Arnold Mattingly
Oswald Loren Felix
Russell Edward Zacher
Roy Clelland Hinds
James Antone Benesh
Edward Preston Cunningham
Robert Brewer Long Hamacher
John Eugene Hoffman
Franklin Andrews Burley
Milton James Wickhorst, Sr.
James David Malcolm
Howard George Nehrbas
Joseph John Bornejko
Victor Edwin Greeland
Louis Fredrick Banse
Charles Fredrick Kerr
Thomas Lester Herndon
Nick Gheaja, Jr.

Donald Eugene Strayer
Raymond Eugene McCullough
Frank W. Bishop
Clay Barton Beaman
Paul Elwood Barnett
Kenneth Victor Moody
Donald Lee Sturgeon
Charles Merle Williams
Luther George Bloomberg
Joseph Calvin Hankins
Donald Spruce Ingold
William Oliver Forbes
Harley Pots, Jr.
Jimmie Donald Smith
Russell Buhring
Joseph Stephen Harvath
Barnie Wilson
Charles Edwin Neiswinger
Bruce Holman McClellan
Andrew Kmetz
Allen Martin Domke*(WM in 1958)
Holland LeVere Koontz
Leo Walter Gallagher
Ilus Claude Wood, Sr.
Robert Lee Miller
Eldon Searls Barnard
Robert Charles Shofroth
Estell Ellwood Grace
Orville Durbin Bales
Harold Arthur Bishop
Oliver Ross Stout
Marvin W. Carty
James A. Faulkner
Frank Wesley Blakeley
Scott Overton Poole
Cleo William Copple
Tony Mola
Jack William Christiana
Soloman Albert
Aubrey Frankilin Morey
Dawson Alexander Graham
Fred Vernon Buhring
Donald Bruce Auld
Roy Thomas Cotner
Arthur Earl Smith
Orville George Maldei
Charles Rinehart Shei
Thomas Henry William Vance
Elbert Hale
John Bajzatt, Jr.
Harold J. Evans
Raymond Kenneth Nelson
Lloyd Ford Wiseman

Four Brothers were restored in 1949:
Thomas Eugene Nelson
Bert Clayton Stevens
Leonard Hugh Shanks, Jr.
William Church Lewis

The following five Brothers affiliated during 1949:
Charles Samuel Campbell
Herbert Anderson Shaw
August Rudolph Lundgren
George Santifer Hollis
Carlton Earl Nicholson

Three Brothers died in 1949:
Louis Kaufman, Truman James Wilkinson*, and Fredrick Louis Erb

Eight Brothers Demitted in 1949:
Edward Palmateer
Wlater Albert Fabian
Murry Arthur Klebs
George Peter Scofes
William Fredrick Negel, Jr.
Omer LeLoss Martin
Edward Andrew Labas
Leonard Malmanger

Three were suspended in 1949 for nonpayment of dues.

The Secretary's Report ending 1949, reported a McKinley Membership of 1033 Brothers in good standing.

***** 1950 *****

The Lodge was Opened in Due Form at 7:30 P.M. Saturday, December 17, 1949, and was called "At Ease". The members then proceeded to the auditorium for a Joint Installation with Garfield Lodge, of the elected and appointed Officers for 1950.

The Installing Master was Wor. Bro. Olen C. Granger of Garfield Lodge, assisted by Wor. Bro. Thomas J. Martinson of McKInley Lodge as Marshal and Wor. Bro. Reuben M. Lamb as Chaplain.

The McKinley Officers Installed for 1950 were as follows:

W.M. Cecil F. Lindsey	S.D. David W. Beach
S.W. Floyd K. Gwinner	J.D. Harold B. Jackson
J.W. J. Lloyd Crooks	S.S. Issiedore B. Clark
Treas. Frank A. Ambler	J.S. Ralph Havling
Sec'y. Fred Doyle, P.M.	Organ. Theodore Moore
Chap. Leroy C. McCullum, P.M.	Tyler Charles A. Johnson

The Master of Ceremonies for the Installation was Wor. Bro. Leroy C. McCullum, who was also installed as Chaplain.

At the January 10, 1950 Stated Meeting, the Dues was remitted for twenty members deemed to be in financial hardship.

Among the petitions that night was one from Nilo Hovey to return by affiliate to McKinley Lodge. For some years now he had been in Indianapolis and was still the head of the Gordon College of Music of Butler University. There was also a petition for affiliation from Carl Joseph Rhinesburger accompanied by a demit from Whiting Lodge No. 613. "Joe" as he has always been known, was raised on May 13, 1925, is still very regular in his attendance at McKinley at 89 years of age, and as of this writing, is a 67-year Mason.

Another of the petitions read that night was from Harold Victor Schafer, a law student , the son-in-law of Wor. Bro. Tom Martinson and a high school classmate and friend of this writer.

During the month of January, 1950, there were fifteen Entered Apprentice and fourteen Fellowcraft Degrees conferred.

Tuesday, February 7, 1950, two McKinley Brothers were Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The following Saturday, February 11, 1950, six McKinley candidates were Raised to the Sublime Degree. While this was happening in McKinley's Lodge Room, the same day, at our request, five McKinley candidates were Raised in Garfield's Lodge Room. Those Raised by Garfield were:

Irving Bernie Hoffman
Edwin Hamilton Miles
Fred Rude
Francis Carl Struck
Danny Wilson

February 16, 1950, a Lodge of Instruction was held for the reading of the Ancient Charges and a talk by Wor. Bro. Charles Bounds on the "Declaration of Principles" adopted by the Grand Lodge in May of 1939.

The March 14, 1950 Stated Meeting, brought the reading of 18 petitions, one short of the record for a Stated Meeting.

There were five deaths of McKinley Lodge Members reported between January 16, 1950 and February 15, 1950, but only three Masonic Memorial Service requests were received from the families. They are listed at the 1950 year end summary.

April of 1950, was also a busy month. The Lodge conferred nine Entered Apprentice Degrees, nine Fellowcraft Degrees and two Master Mason Degrees. The Stated Meeting of April 11, 1950, was interesting in that the "Balloting on Petitions" resulted in nine petitioners being elected and eight being rejected. We were quite particular about our membership.

At the May 9, 1950 Stated Meeting, the Lodge authorized an additional $1.00 per member per year to our annual contribution to the Indiana Masonic Home.

At a Called Meeting, Saturday, May, 13, 1950, the Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment during the course of conferring the MM Degree on nine candidates. Garfield, at the same time, was conferring the MM Degree on five McKinley Candidates. During refreshment, a Concert was played by "The McKinley Band", under the direction of Brother O'Donnell. This is the first mention of a "McKinley Band" found in the research by this writer.

Five McKinley Brothers Raised by Garfield Lodge that day were:
Cecil Warren Iliff
Joseph Andrew Blazic
Clarence Albert Bolen
Harold Dean Gower
Ralph Henderson

After a dinner Saturday, June 3, 1950, served by the ladies of Hammond Chapter No. 370, Order of Eastern Star, McKinley Lodge was called from refreshment to labor on the MM Degree in the auditorium. One hundred and

forty-five members and 105 guests viewed the Masonic Play "Judge Not" presented by a cast from Old Glory Lodge No. 975, A.F.& A.M., Chicago, Illinois. They were on an "Official Visit" to McKinley Lodge. Proper dispensations for meeting in the auditorium and for the visitation had been received from both the Indiana and the Illinois Grand Masters.

At the June 13, 1950 Stated Meeting, a written request was read from Bro. Glen L. Wilcox, a member of Lake Lodge No. 157 in Crown Point, Indiana, was seeking permission to organize a Masonic Lodge in Griffith, Indiana

A motion was passed authorizing $37.60 to Wor. Master Cecil F. Lindsey for Grand Lodge expenses. That is a far cry from the cost to attend Grand Lodge today.

A communication was read at the August 8, 1950 Stated Meeting, in which the Grand Master announced, the third annual Masonic Home Visitation would be August 27, 1950. The annual visitations are still taking place. The Wor. Master also presented new rules from the Grand Lodge governing the Sale or purchase of property involving a Masonic Lodge. All such transactions were to be approved by the Lodge after being proposed at least two consecutive Stated Meetings prior to any action by the Trustees, and requiring a written notice to each member at least ten days prior to any action by a Lodge.

Among the eight petitions received at the October 10, 1950 Stated Meeting, was one from William Wesley Cole. Bill Cole was an excellent tenor sax player and for many years played along side of this writer in a dance band made up of Masons. So as not to forget these Masons who played for dances for several local Masonic Lodges, the Shrine and many Community events, most of them are listed as follows:

Bro. Robert Fuller, Garfield Lodge Alto Sax and Director
Wor. Bro. K. Arthur Wehr, Garfield Lodge, Piano
Bro. Lyle Langdon, McKinley Lodge, Trumpet and Baritone Sax
Wor. Bro. Oliver Norton, Garfield Lodge, Trumpet
Bro. Bill Cole, McKinley Lodge, Tenor Sax
Bro. Jack Bay, Griffith Lodge, Drums
Bro. Ken Rosene, Garfield Lodge, (Alternate Drums)
Yours Truly, McKinley Lodge, Trombone and the Vocals

Many of the above Brothers are now deceased but their lives were respected and their death is regretted.

A notice from Garfield Lodge was read October 10, 1950, stating that favorable action had been taken by Garfield on the petitions of Albert H. Johnstone, James C. Fisher and Marvin L. Ford who were in the Concurrent Jurisdiction with McKinley Lodge. Wor. Bro. Marvin L. Ford of Garfield Lodge

has devoted many hours of work on behalf of McKinley Lodge in preparation of talks for the Feast of St. John and other occasions.

A request was read from Bro. Ralph Henry Alma to have the Fellow Craft Degree conferred on him by Plattsmouth Lodge
No. 6, A.F.& A.M., of Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

At the Stated Meeting of November 14, 1950, Bro. Charles A. Johnson was made "Tyler Emeritus" and was to continue to receive his salary though he was no longer able to fulfill his duties due to advanced age and poor health. He had faithfully served as Tyler in McKinley Lodge for many years.

The balance on hand at the end of our Fiscal Year (November, 1950) was $2056.54, and the total value of Investments, exclusive of interest on U.S. Savings Bonds, was $21,498.67. A statement in the report said, "McKinley Lodge owns One Hundred and Fifty-two Shares of Masonic Building Association Stock."

Saturday, December 9, 1950, McKinley Lodge conferred the MM Degree on four McKinley Candidates and, as an accommodation to Garfield Lodge, conferred the MM Degree on five of their Candidates.

The December 12, 1950 Stated Meeting, brought the reading of fourteen petitions, and the Dispensation from the M.W.Grand Master to move the charter to the auditorium for Installation of Officers.

All five of the requested demits read at the December 12, 1950 Stated Meeting, were for affiliation with other Masonic Lodges outside our jurisdiction.

During 1950, McKinley Lodge Initiated 86, Passed 68 to the Degree of Fellowcraft, and Raised the following 70 to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

Walter Vincent Halfman
Charles Almer Morey
Kenneth Lee Buckingham
Kelly Jefferson Hickel
George Growe
Harold Victor Schafer
John Francis Malosh
Johnny Craigon Biter
Donald Eugene McConnell
Clarence Martin Eder
Ernest Woods
Gradie E. Long
Paul Griffith McCoy II
Henry Dickens Rowley
Hurley Dean Cook
Wesley Wheeler Reed
Lester Harold Blythe
Harold R. Mason
James Thomas Rice
Lewis Henry Washburn
William Rix
Joseph Andrew Manchak
Mack Neail Watts
Frank Wilson
Edward Gross
Estel Dewain Schermerhorn

Charles Richard Cox
Marion Ralph Pierce
Charles Wesley Ragan
Rowland Henry Hodge
Claude Vernon Gower
Howard Jennings Jones
William S. Alexander
Kenneth W. Baker
Sammuel Ray Carley
Joseph Charles Kalbac
Thomas Walter Kosiba
Melvin Laughlin
Conrad Elman
Jack E. Davis
William Wesley Cole
Gerald Norbert McDonald
Melvin William Kuschel
Thayer B. Menwany
Russell James Bassett
John William Wagner
Frank John Macewicz
Clifford Fred Butzloff
Edward August Hall
Guy Francis Turley
James Ted Ballard
Walter Seymour Dinkleman
William Dean Denham
Ralph Henry Alma
Harold Brown Reed
Irving Warren Eads

(14 were Raised by Garfield Lodge for McKinley Lodge)
Irving Bernie Hoffman
Edwin Hamilton Miles
Fred Rude
Howard Dean Gower
Joseph Andrew Blazic
Eugene T. Philips
Randolph Nokovich
Francis Carl Struck
Danny Wilson
Cecil Warren Iliff
Ralph Henderson Humbles
Clarence Albert Bowlen
Talmadge S. Wilhite
Fred Sinclair

There were six who Affiliated by Demit during 1950:

Nilo Hovey (Transferred back from Indianapolis)
Donald Charles Walker
Paul G. McCoy, I
Pearl Robert Carroll
Henry Nelson Jacobsma
Jobe Errett Wickersham

Eight were Restored:
Henry P. Reitz
Robert J. Biederman
Richard F. Lundenwall
Hugh R. Beardsley
Lon P. Monbeck
Earl Lewis Beard
Leonard S. Clark
Harry Edson Foster

Eleven Demitted:
Jesse E. Dilts
Harold W. Grotham
John Morgan
Edward Carlton Hill
John G. Magan
Lloyd Bussert
John W. Dilts
Russell W. Kretch
Arthur A. Hyde
Paul G. McCoy
Harold W. Grothman

The suspensions for nonpayment of dues numbered three.

There were 10 deaths in 1950:

Reinholt Miller*
Adelbert Bailey*
John Edward Stevenson
Raymond A. Debbert
Frank Stowman*
Gail Gordon Colgrove*
Charles L. Neuner*
Norman S. Oltz*
James Budge*
Thomas DiCicco* (Chicago Heights # 851 Performed the Ceremony)

***** 1951 *****

Saturday, December 16, 1950, another Joint Installation of Officers for McKinley and Garfield Lodge was held in the Auditorium of the Temple. The Installing Master was Wor. Bro. Olen C. Granger, Garfield Lodge, the Master of Ceremonies was Wor. Bro. Leroy C. McCullum, McKinley Lodge, the Installing Marshal was Wor. Bro. Thomas J. Martinsom, McKinley Lodge, and the Installing Chaplain was Wor. Bro.Reuben M. Lamb, McKinley Lodge.

The McKinley Officers Installed for 1951 were as follows:

W.M. Floyd K. Gwinner
S.W. J. Lloyd Crooks
J.W. David W. Beach
Treas. Frank A. Ambler
Secy. David H. Cornelison, P.M.
Tyler Jesse Cox
S.D. Harold B. Jackson
J.D. Issiedore B. Clark
S.S. Ralph Havling
J.S. Carl Chansler
Chap. Leroy C. McCullum, P.M.
Organ Theodore Moor

A word is said here in honor of Wor. Master Floyd K. Gwinner. He was the first McKinley Member to become a Knight of the York Cross of Honor. In addition, he is to date (1993) the only McKinley Member to have been elected to preside over a Priory of KYCH Members. Wor. Bro. Floyd was elected the Prior of Indiana Priory No. 8 of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Only those who have served in the East in the York Rite Bodies of the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the Illustrious Council of Royal and Select Masters, the Commandery of Knights Templar and a Blue Lodge can become a Knight of the York Cross of Honor.

The February 13, 1951 Stated Meeting, brought the reading of twelve petitions. The death of our Organist, Bro. Theodore Moor, a member of Garfield Lodge was also announced at this meeting. Bro. Curtis B. Brunsdon was appointed to succeed him as Organist.

Dues for three Fifty-year Members were remitted along with fifteen other members because of their inability to pay.

The dues sent to Grand Lodge for 1950 amounted to $1937.00.

The death of Grand Lecturer, Ivory C. Tolle was announced at the March 1951, Stated Meeting. He was indeed a friend of the Lodges in Lake County Indiana.

Among the nine petitions read at the April 1951 Stated Meeting, was one from the Rev. Mr. Harold Willard Turpin, Minister of the First Presbyterian Church in Hammond. Rev. Turpin had helped with many Masonic Funerals where joint participation with the church was required.

A bill for a "Craft Dinner", in the amount of $139.40 was passed at the April, 1951 Stated Meeting. There were 40 Members plus guests present for the April 30, 1951 dinner at Al Knapp's restaurant.

A communication from Evansville Lodge No. 316 was read in May, stating that our Bro. Bruce Cook had visited their Lodge on April 28, 1951. May 29, 1951, all the 1945 Officers under Wor. Bro. Albert F. Schultz conferred the MM Degree with 43 members and 28 visitors present.

Of the nine candidates voted on at the June 12, 1951 Stated Meeting, only five were elected to membership. A clear ballot was far from automatic. A bill for $283.75 to the Indiana Freemason for 50 Bibles and 50 Monitors was passed at this meeting indicating our continued growth.

At the July 10, 1951 Stated Meeting, a bill for $450.00 for "Past Masters Night" was passed and a proposal to increase the Application Fee from $50.00 to $75.00 was read and tabled until the next Stated Meeting as required in the By-Laws. The cost increase was made contingent upon Garfield Lodge doing the same.

There were four suspensions approved at the September 1951, Stated Meeting, and the dues for four members were remitted.

The proposal for the increase in the Application fee was favorably voted, the By-Laws amended and copies were mailed to the Grand Lodge for approval.

At a Called Meeting October 2, 1951, fifteen candidates were Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft during the evening, and Saturday, October 27, 1951, the Master Mason Degree was conferred on eleven Brothers.

Bills were passed for $85.80 to Tiebel's restaurant for an "Officers Dinner" and for $197.98 to Abbey Chapter for a "banquet". The former was probably for a dinner following the annual Inspection.

During 1951, McKinley Lodge Initiated 66 as Entered Apprentice's, Passed 72 to the Degree of Fellowcraft, and Raised the following 76 to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

Harold E. Janzig
Owen Parker Bowman
John Richard Hill
Charles Estill Wood
Carroll Dee Muffett
Earl Grant Carley
George Thomas Kunz
Warren Joseph Krill
Eugene Frank Kester
Alton Alexander Brooks
Harold Melvin Kelley
Harold Phillip Ritthaler
Peter Alex Agorichas
Jackie Jean Smith
Maurice LaVerne Clark
Robert Burch Nutt
John Alden Brossart, Jr.
Embert Garner Krum
Richard James Dye
John Anthony Blazic
Harold Willard Turpin
John Dekker Terpstra
Harold Charles Lintz
Charles S. Anderson
Walter Melvin DeVries
Peter Walter Bakker
Joseph George Phares
Gordon Ray Bunger
Maxwell Eugene Potts
John Vernon Gauler
Hobart George Huddleston
James Winton Rhind
John Greenwell
Palmer Llewellen Clark
James Steve Skufakiss
Frederick Clifford Goddard
Orvil J. Klinger
Cecil Franklin Hicks

Donald George Chambers
James Alfred Org, Jr.
Cleo Don Allen
Thomas Weldon Bond
Martin Lee Fessenden
Carl Martin Johnson
Nathan Angelo Carras
Gerald Dean Scofield
Carl Muehlman
Dale Eugene Jackman
Vincent Raymond Knotts
Leo John Kowalski
Bert Fornam Davidson
James Thomas Bush
George Hubbard Burniston
John Harold Cline
Jesse Alvin Ashcraft
Harold Lawrence Williams
John Bruce Hinton
Charles Hess Gilbert
Guy Maurice Clark
Lewis Crisler Walker
Jesse Lee Hankins
Paul Raymond Shearer
Fred Ambrose Minard
Lowell Edward Krauss
Raymond Devere Wallace
Walter Joseph Ruskowski
Donald James Powell
Donald William Goble
Thomas Jacob Kelley
Charles Frank Darling
Norman Paul Strauser
James Clifford Duff
Michael Sanders
Gordon Wallace Turner
William Samuel Nelson
William Andrew Johanson

One Mason, Bro. Charles R. Friend, affiliated in 1951.

Four were restored to membership:
Wesley Conrad Wagonblast
Sklavonis John Gregory

Alan J. Newman
Carl Frederick Morganthaler

There were twelve who demitted: All were to transfer membership

Harold E. Janzig
Owen Parker Bowman
Lloyd E. Bussert
Vincel Gordon See
Arthur E. Gilchrist
William Gundy Bannon
Donald George Chambers
Henry Paul Reitz
John Edward Smith
John William Lillpop
Jack William Christiana
John Charles Foster

Four were suspended for nonpayment of dues.

The dues for twenty-two members were remitted in 1951.

There were nine deaths during 1951:
Kenneth Lee Buckingham*
Edward Christopher Cooke*
August C. Reichers*
Charles Schroeder*
Clayton Wood Martin*
William H. Zahrte*
Isadore I. Modjeska*
Atron L. Brunswick*
Otto J. Janachek* (Funeral by Park Place Lodge #1172 of Houston, Texas)

***** 1952 *****

A Joint Installation of the 1952 Officers of Garfield and McKinley Lodges was held in the auditorium of the Temple December 15, 1951. The McKinley Officers Installed were:

W.M. J. Lloyd Crooks
S.W. David W. Beach
J.W. Harold B. Jackson
Treas. Frank A. Ambler
Sec'y. David H. Cornelison, P.M.
Tyler Jesse Cox
S.D. Issiedore B. Clark
J.D. Ralph Havling
S.S. William C. Chansler
J.S. Allen Domke
Chap. Leroy C. McCullum, P.M.
Organ Curtis Brunsdon

Wor. Bro. Fred Doyle of McKinley Lodge was the Installing Master, Wor. Bro. Richard Wehr of Garfield Lodge was the Installing Marshal, Wor. Bro. Reuben M. Lamb of McKinley Lodge was the Installing Chaplain, and Wor. Bro. Olen C. Granger of Garfield Lodge was Master of Ceremonies. Proper Dispensation for moving the Charters to the auditorium for the Installation had been requested and received from the Grand Master.

A letter from Grand Secretary Dwight L. Smith was read at the January 8, 1952 Stated Meeting, thanking McKinley for the $907.50 donation to the

Indiana Masonic Home. A bill for $100.00 was passed at this meeting to be paid to Wor. Bro. Leroy C. McCullum for Masonic Memorial Services in 1951.

At the March 11, 1952 Stated Meeting, McKinley paid $3000.00 as partial payment to the Masonic Building Association for rent, and the Lodge remitted the dues of the following thirteen members in the Armed Forces:

Robert B. McCoy
George M. Kunz
Harley J. Potts
Henry S. Daugherty
William Samuel Nelson
John W. Wagner
Arthur E. Smith
Harold M. Kelley
Hanley W. Staley
Richard J. Dye
Paul G. McCoy, Jr.
Jimmie D. Smith
Kenneth V. Moody

Dues for three Fifty-year members were also remitted:

The dues were remitted for ten members at the April 18, 1952 Stated Meeting. One, Charles L. Dillon was in the Armed Forces. The others were hardship cases. The balance on hand reported on April 8, 1952, was $4,581.60.

At the May 13, 1952 Stated Meeting, dues for Lt. E.A. Pagels who was in the Military Service was remitted along with the dues of three aged members, two students and one hardship case. At the June Stated Meeting, dues for Edward J. Downing, who was in the Military were remitted along with the dues of two hardship cases. The By-Laws were amended to give $2.00 instead of $1.00 per member to the Masonic Home.

At the August 12, 1952 Stated Meeting, a communication was read from Bro. Pyblio Pontini, Grand Treasurer and Delegate on Foreign Relations of the Grand Orient of Italy, reporting the visitation of our Worshipful Brother Salvatore Gallucci to a Masonic Meeting in Italy in July of 1952. The minutes did not state the Lodge visited. The communication actually came from the Indiana Grand Secretary Dwight L. Smith. The Grand Lodge office was unable to supply this writer with a copy of the original letter.

September 13, 1952, McKinley made a visitation to Judson Lodge No. 518 in Judson, Indiana and conferred the MM Degree on our candidate Irving A. Blatt.

Visitations were also made to Utopia Lodge No. 894 A.F. & A.M. of Chicago and to Randolf Chapter No. 35, Royal Arch Masons of Winchester, Indiana where the "McKinley Players" performed a Masonic Play. There were over forty McKinley members present at both performances.

A Masonic Funeral Ceremony as a courtesy to Dundee Lodge #733 of Dundee, Kentucky was conducted by McKinley Lodge for Bro. Arthur Wilson

on September 22, 1952. Earlier in the day another Masonic Memorial Service was conducted by McKinley on our Bro. Fred W. Timmerman.

Among the ten petitions read at the October 14, 1952 Stated Meeting, were four good friends of this writer. One, David Clifford Foresberg, was this writers coach as he was learning the required memory work of the three degrees. No true Mason entering upon such important work can ever forget the help, aid and assistance rendered by his coach during that all important period of Masonic Education. In was this writers privilege during the learning period to be a teacher of Bro. Foresberg's son David at Hammond High School. The young man was apprehensive for he thought his father and his teacher must be meeting secretly because of him.

October 14, 1952, as a courtesy to Pythagoras Lodge No.1018, A.F.& A.M., of Chicago, McKinley Lodge held a Memorial Service for Bro. Fred R. Vogle of Pythagoras Lodge.

October 16, 1952, was called "Rookie Night". The MM Degree was conferred on Bro. William Ralph Matthews, Jr., by the newest members of the Lodge, and they did a most creditable job.

A letter of request was read for a Waiver of our Jurisdiction for Mr. Bernard Manual Bradley to Indiana Harbor Lodge No. 686. The request was granted. Wor. Bro. Bradley is well known in Lake County for his service to Masonry.

It was during the November 11, 1952 Stated Meeting, when letters were read congratulating the "McKinley Players" for their fine work in the Masonic Play presentations during the previously mentioned visitations.

Three transfer requests to Griffith Lodge were approved at the November 11 meeting.

November 17, 1952, as a courtesy to a Frankfurt, Germany Lodge, and at the request of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, McKinley held a Memorial Service for Bro. William L. Bruckman, who had been living in Hammond.

The report of the Auditing Committee at the December 9, 1952 Stated Meeting, listed a balance on hand of $1,329.44 and the following assets:

Citizens National Bank of Hammond	$1,329.44
First Federal S&L of Hammond	$1,215.65
Citizens Federal S&L of Hammond	$1,220.51
People's Federal S&L of Hammond	$ 520.71
Calumet Federal S&L of Hammond	$ 700.00
Masonic Building Assoc. Common Stock	$15,200.00
United States Savings Bonds	$22,290.00
TOTAL ASSETS	$42,476.31

During 1952 McKinley Lodge Initiated 65, Passed 56 to the Degree of Fellowcraft and Raised the following 61 to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

John Louis Gwyn*(WM in 1967)
Fred Muth
James Henry Ross
Claude Ray Heckman
Walter Gene Alexander
Robert Elmer Murphy
Clay Junious Medcalf
George Hrehor
Harold Gregory Rowe
Donald Walker
Robert Donald Southard
Robert Victor Poteet, Jr.
John Alvin Keagle
Ray Edward Conover
James Patargias
Walter Roderich Armstrong
Donald Edwin Carlson
Harry Louis Vander Vort
Louis T. Tebodo
Paul Howard Shaw
Milton Marshall Viland
Robert Clinn Ellyson
John Robert Lyday
Samuel Frank Spitale
Charles James Grieshaber
Jerome Kohout
Gail Lemoyne Renicker
James William LeVan
Rev. Mr. Archie Mackey
Clarence Delbert Bertin
John Nelson Bunnell
Anthony Paul Coulis
Charles F. Kirkland
William Delbert Cathey
Russell Aubrey Clark
John Beckwith
Harvey George Cleland
Raymond Herbert Arkinstall
William Baynard Revis
William Carl Retzloff
Jack Frederick Whitt
Forest Afton Dougherty, Jr.
James Billie Harmening
John Woods Alden, Jr.
William Leroy DeChantel
Charles William Lehman
Edwin N. Carlson
Vane Ellis Howard, Jr.
Robert Norman Callahan
Herman Ashely Jones
Oliver Allison Skaggs
Gibson A. Meyer
Irvin A. Blatt
Robert Folmet Ballard
Herschel Vernon McBride
William Ralph Matthews, Jr.
Einar Richard Sorenson
Wade Franklin Goins
Fred Harget Taylor, Jr.
James Guthrie Cloyd
Homer Mudd

Three affiliated with McKinley in 1952:

Richard Stanley Anderson
Raymond Virgil Newman
Arthur Alexander Erickson

Four were restored to membership:

Edgar Charles Buchele
Herbert E. Fisher
Norman Barfoote Whale
Charles Wilson Bussell

There were 22 Demits issued:

(*) = Transferred to the new Griffith Lodge No. 735, F.& A.M.
(T) = Transferred to other Lodges

William G. Bannon*
Jack William Christiana*
Milton James Wickhorst, Sr.*
Raymond Edwin Asay(T)
John Warren McGarr*
Renner Richard Hofman(T)
William Horwath*
Jesse Alvin Ashcraft*
Garner Merritt Dickinson(T)
Myron C. Smith
Harold Wilson Voreis
Arthur E. Gilchrist*
Otis Devon Crowel*
Milton James Wickhorst, Jr.*
Armond Dell Goble(T)
William Horae Campbell*
Kenneth Wray Baker*
Matthew Russell Parks*
Harry Baker York*
Donald George Chamber*
Fred Raymond Walker*
John Wesley Mitchel

There were 14 deaths in 1952 (* Masonic Funerals)

Wilford Stubbs Trueblood
Lester Richard Mears*
Fred Robert Kyle Kyle, Sr.*
Ralph Pohlplatz
William Hemmingway*
Arthur Henry Langbeen*
Fred W. Timmerman*
Avery Reynold Bobbett
Carl McCaw*
Chauncey L. Burgess*
Arthur O. Thornton, Sr., P.M.*
Nick Gheaja, Jr.
Charles Rhode*
Harry L. Bowden*

The dues were remitted for 39 Members in 1952. Many of those who had dues remitted were in the Armed Services, and several were Fifty-year members or quite advanced in age.

***** 1953 *****

The annual joint Installation of Officers with Garfield Lodge took place in Garfield's Lodge Room the evening of December 18, 1952. Proper dispensation to move the Charter to Garfield's Lodge had been requested and received from Grand Lodge. The Installing Master was Dwight L Smith, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Indiana. The Installing Marshal was Wor. Bro. Thomas J. Martinson, Past Master of McKinley Lodge. The Installing Chaplain was Wor. Bro. Olen C. Granger, Past Master of Garfield Lodge and the Master of Ceremonies was Wor. Bro. David H. Cornelison, Past Master of McKinley Lodge.

Following an organ prelude by Bro. Basil Turner of McKinley, welcoming remarks were made by Wor. Master J. Lloyd Crook of McKinley and by Wor. Master Harold F. Warner, of Garfield Lodge. The Orak Shrine Color Guard posted the colors and selections were played by the Drum & Bugle Corps. Vocal selections were rendered by the Orak Chanters with Bro. Victor Monnett

as vocal soloist. The Officers of both Lodges were ushered in under the drawn swords of an Honor Guard of Knights Templar from the Hammond Commandery of Knights Templars of the York Rite. The Officers were then duly installed .

The McKinley Elected and Appointed Officers Installed for the year 1953, were as follows:

W.M. David W. Beach	S.D. Ralph Havling
S.W. Harold B. Jackson	J.D. William Chansler
J.W. Issiedore B. Clark	S.S. Allen Domke
Treas Frank Ambler	J.S. George W. Malcolm
Sec'y David H. Cornelison, P.M.	Chap. Leroy C. McCullum, P.M.
Tyler J. Harold Cox	Organ Curtis B. Brunsdon

Following the Installation, Dwight L. Smith, Past Grand Master, gave a fine address. He was then presented with Honorary Memberships by both Garfield and McKinley Lodges. After gifts of new gavels were presented to the newly Installed Masters and the recessional, everyone adjourned to the Arabian Room for an informal reception. Refreshments were served and music was provided by "The McKinley Music Makers".

At the January 13, 1953 Stated Meeting, a letter of appreciation from Past Grand Master Dwight L. Smith was read thanking McKinley for the Honorary Membership and stating he had enjoyed the Installation and had a wonderful visit with us.

Among the seven petitions read at the February 10, 1953 Stated Meeting, was one from Hayward Earl Glidewell who became Master of McKinley Lodge in 1970 and a Thirty-third degree Mason in 1992. Another petition was from Emil "Babe" Barney, a co-worker and a good friend of this writer. Emil was a Math and Industrial Arts Teacher who became Assistant Principal at Hammond Technical Vocational High School, the Coordinator of Vocational Education in Hammond and the head of the Vocational Cooperative Educational Program at Clark High School. He became well known in the schools in the county and state for his work in curriculum development in Vocational Education.

The dues were remitted at the February 10, 1953 Stated Meeting, for five members in the military, two students, fourteen who were advanced in age and three hardship cases.

On February 12, 1953, the Lodge conferred the MM Degree for Lake Lodge No. 157 F.& A.M. of Crown Point, Indiana on their Brother Michael Cormican.

Saturday, March 14, 1953, McKinley Lodge met and conferred the Master Mason Degree, Raising ten Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. McKinley Lodge was still engaged in a lot of work.

At the June 9, 1953 Stated Meeting, a letter was read from Grand Lodge requesting that McKinley confer the Entered Apprentice Degree on Allen William Gammon, now residing in Hammond, as a courtesy to Sarasota Lodge No. 147, F.& A.M. of Sarasota, Florida. A Dispensation from Grand Master Newell A. Lamb was also read authorizing McKinley Lodge to make a pilgrimage to Alliance Lodge No. 183, A.F.& A.M. in Alliance, Nebraska on September 4 & 5, 1953.

A communication was read from William McKinley Lodge No. 876, A.F.& A.M., 4251 N. Kedzie Blvd., Chicago, Illinois thanking McKinley Lodge for the fine reception on the occasion of their visit to Hammond on May 26, 1953. Notice from Salt Springs Lodge No. 520, F.& A.M. of Syracuse, New York was read informing McKinley that they had conferred the Fellowcraft Degree on McKinley Brother Lowell Maynard Darling on May 11, 1953, and the MM Degree on May 25, 1953, as a courtesy requested by McKinley Lodge. Bro. Darling was a long time classmate and neighbor of this writer who has lost track of him since World War II.

June of 1953 was a busy month for McKinley Lodge. Saturday, June 27, 1953, eight Brothers were Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. One, Samuel Francis Honn, was Raised as a courtesy to Colfax Lodge No. 378, F.& A.M., of Lowell, Indiana.

The June 1953 Stated Meeting, brought the first indication that Wor, Bro. Fred Doyle was quite ill. In a note he thanked the Lodge for the flowers he received while in the hospital. A Masonic Funeral Service was held for Wor. Bro. Doyle on August 25, 1953, with Wor. Bro. Leroy McCullum as Chaplain. The Reverend Mr. Harold Joyce of Hyde Park Methodist Church in Hammond conducted the regular service. Although this writer did not know Wor. Bro. Doyle, he has the privilege of teaching his daughter "Liz" and his son Tom. They were both wonderful young people.

Among the five petitions read at the August 11, 1953 Stated Meeting, were those of Donald John Klein and Ronald Lee Stoltz, both pharmacists at the Stoltz Drug Store in Hammond. Brother Klein later transferred to Griffith Lodge and went on to become the Most Wise Master of the John Hazen White Chapter of Rose Croix in the Scottish Rite, Valley of South Bend.

The big event of 1953, occurred on September forth and fifth, when fifty members of McKinley Lodge made a pilgrimage to Alliance Lodge No. 183, A.F.& A.M., of Alliance, Nebraska. They left Hammond via a special railroad car. Following their safe arrival and unpacking, etc., they went to the Masonic Temple. McKinley Lodge No. 712, F. & A.M. of Indiana was then opened as per our Grand Lodge Dispensation, in Alliance Lodge Room No. 183, on the Master Mason Degree. The McKinley candidate was Bro. Emil "Babe" Barney.

Among the many dignitaries present were Most Worshipful Brother Newell A. Lamb, Grand Master of Masons of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Indiana; Most Worshipful Brother Fay Smith, Grand Master of Masons for the State of Nebraska; Illustrious Brother Warren D. Richty, Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Nebraska; Worshipful Master Elmer J. Sorrensen. Our Worshipful Master David W. Beach had become ill and could not attend. Glen L. Wilcox and Clarence Schutz of Griffith Lodge No. 735 and John Ehner of Garfield Lodge 569 were also in attendance as were several members of Lodges near Alliance Lodge.

In the first section of the MM Degree the following McKinley members filled the stations listed herein:

Senior Warden Harold B. Jackson acted as Worshipful Master.
Junior Warden Ralph Havling acted as the Senior Deacon.
Sec'y. David H. Cornelison, PM, was the Secretary.
Senior Deacon William C. Chanseler acted as Junior Deacon.
Junior Deacon Allwn M. Domke acted as Senior Stewart.
Senior Stewart George W. Malcolm acted as Junior Stewart.
Tyler J. Harold Cox was the Tyler.

No mention is made in the minutes of who participated in the Second Section or the Lectures of the Degree although Bro. Barney's Bible shows he was received by C. William Chansler and met by Bros. John L. Gwyn, Embert G. Krum and George W. Malcolm. Bro. Barney still has the Gold Ribbon attached to his name tag for the day that says "Candidate, McKinley Lodge 712, Hammond, Indiana - Hoosier State.

After reading the names of all those who signed his Bible, this writer believes that there is but one McKinley Member who made that trip other than the candidate who was the youngest in attendance, who is still with us. That Member is Wor. Bro. Martin Kaufman, now living in Florida. Forty years have passed since this event and the scythe of time has taken its toll of many of our finest members.

This writer could not find the bill in any if the minutes that tells the cost of the railroad car and the trip to Alliance, Nebraska.

In the minutes of the October 13, 1953 Stated Meeting, is a letter from the Grand Master is printed in its entirety. It speaks of the excellence of McKinley Lodge during the September 15, 1953, Inspection by the Grand Lecturer.

The minutes of the December 8, 1953 Stated Meeting, show a balance of cash on hand of only $469.87 but lists the assets of McKinley Lodge at $41,181.30. A Dispensation was received to move McKinley's Charter to Garfield Lodge

for the annual Joint Installation of Officers.

During 1953 McKinley Lodge Initiated 56, Passed 58 to the Degree of Fellowcraft and Raised the following 59 to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

Charles Russell Wilhite
Roy Huff Kennedy
Wilbur Sanford Morrison
Jesse David Hogue
Hubert Oliver Davis
Ivan Oteen Myers
John Francis Plain*(WM in 1965)
Bruno Ronald Snowe
Roy Arthur Miner
Joseph Nagy, Jr.
James Marion Lawrence
Robert Raymond Richey
James William Dye, Jr.
Wayne Gilbert Wheeler
Charles Elvin Edmonds
Bernard Alexander
Howard James White
George Chalos
John Julius Deering
Peter Ted Kocal
Clayton Atlee Ready
Gus Andrew Gavrilos
Saylor McGee Wilson
Allen Dale Willis
Donald John Klein
Wilford Cameron Hartleroad
Philip Holden Parker
Matthew Novosel
Coy Lewis Thomas
William Patrick May
David Clifford Forsberg
Clifford Issaac Vance
Vincent Lazo
Robert Amos Hogue
Phillip Bruce Lynn
Earl Fifield
Donald Keith Childers
Van Edward Morton
Dallas Dean Clark
Ronald Earl Hill
John Dennis Kubisz
Floyd Russell Ford
Jack LeVan Stirling
Hayward Earl Glidewell*(WM in 1971)
** Lowell Maynard Darling, Jr.
Keith Merlin Wertz
Ernest James Wartsbaugh
Robert Garrett Boersma
Robert Eugene Huffman
Richard Eblene Waugh
Jack Lewis Thomas
Emil Babe Barney
Russell James Barron
Benjamin Orville Burt
Ronald Lee Stoltz
Austin Traver Pinkstaff
Elmer D. Rogers
Alonzo Leland McClanahan
Dallas William Blacker

(** Raise by Salt Springs Lodge No. 520, F. & A.M., Syracuse, New York)

Brother George Washington Bellamy affiliated with McKinley Lodge in 1953, from Aberdeen Lodge No. 52 in Aberdeen, Maryland.

The following eleven members demitted in 1953:
Ralph Osco Pate (T)
John Thomas Mitchell
King Ralph Heath (T)
Robert Keil Bein (T)
Kelley Jefferson Hickel (T)
Virgil Shelby Jones (T)
Wrel Chester Emory (T)
George Edward Bein (T)

Jewel R. McCoy (T)
Kenneth V. Moody
Chester Ballard Harrison
Floyd William Greenway

There were twenty-six McKinley Members for whom the 1953 dues were remitted. Several were in the Armed Forces.

Fourteen members were suspended in 1953 for nonpayment of dues.

The following twelve members died in 1953;

Gustav E. Fuss*
Gilbert C. Handley*
Harry William Margenau,PM (1920)*
Fred Doyle, P.M. (1942)*
Charles August Johnson*
Bill Nagy, Sr.*
Terry B. Morse*
John L. Shultner
Irving Hartleroad*
Ralph Owen Buhler*
Erschel Alex Crowe*
Charles Clyde Clark*

A balance of cash on hand according to the Treasurers Report, the Secretaries Report and the report of the Auditing Committee on November 10, 1953 was $1,106.90.

Assets reported by the Auditing Committee were $41,181.30

Expenditures made after the reports brought the Balance on Hand as of December 8, 1953 to $469.87.

***** 1954 *****

The annual Joint Installation of the 1954 Officers with Garfield Lodge was held December 19, 1953. The Installing Officer was Cecil F. Lindsey, P.M., of McKinley Lodge. The Installing Marshal was Thomas J. Martinsom, P.M., of McKinley Lodge. The Installing Chaplain was Harold Warmer, P.M. of Garfield Lodge and the Master of Ceremonies was Olen C. Granger, P.M. of Garfield Lodge.

The McKinley Officers Installed were:

W.M. Harold B. Jackson
S.W. Issiedore B. Clark
J.W. Ralph Havling
Treas. Frank A. Ambler
Sec'y. David H. Cornelison, P.M.
Tyler J. Harold Cox
S.D. William C. Chansler
J.D. Allen Domke
S.S. George M. Malcolm
J.S. Gordon W. Turner
Chap. Leroy C. McCullum, P.M.
Organist George Hrehor

Membership at the beginning of 1954, totaled 1,215 according to the 1953 year

end report of the secretary.

At the January 12, 1954 Stated Meeting, thirteen petitions were read. It looked like an active year ahead for seven petitions were read at the February 9, 1954, Stated Meeting.

In February, the Lodge celebrated George Washington's birthday by conferring the MM Degree in full colonial costume. Wor. Bro. Russ Foss has a picture of the cast in full revolutionary period dress.

Tuesday, March 2, 1954, McKinley made a pilgrimage to Newton Lodge No. 28, F.& A.M., of Kentland, Indiana. Two buses containing fifty-seven members plus the Officers made the visitation and McKinley conferred the MM Degree on McKinley Brother Richard Zipe. The busses left Kentland at 11:40 P.M. for the return trip but the weather was so bad they didn't get back to Hammond until 4:00 A.M. the next morning. Almost all who made the trip were due at work at 8:00 A.M. that same morning. That is what you call dedication.

The 1953 End of Year Report from the Masonic Building Association was received on March 4, 1954 and read at the March 10, 1954 Stated Meeting. In summary it showed receipts from the Masonic Bodies in the Temple as $38,655.18. Receipts from Hammond Chapter O.E.S., Abbey Chapter O.E.S., Job's Daughters, DeMolay and the Ladies Oriental Shrine totaled $1,640.50. Various departments, i.e., Ballroom, Auditorium, etc., totaled receipts of $4,169.95.

The grand total of receipts was $44,465.63 plus cash on hand of $11,044.43 equaled $55,510.06.

The disbursements including salaries of $10,394.88 and depreciation of $11,000.00, came to $50,279.06. The cash on hand in the MBA as of December 31, 1953, was $5,338.94. Payroll taxes withheld, amounting to $107.94 was included in the balance of cash on hand.

The year 1954, was filled with visitation activity and the regular work of the Lodge. At the January 12, 1954 Stated Meeting, thirteen petitions were read and the dues for sixteen members were remitted. Eleven of those for whom the dues were remitted were advanced in age and the others were hardship cases. Masonic charity continued to be practiced in McKinley Lodge.

One of the twelve petitions read at the March 9, 1954 State Meeting, was that of Gordon Edward Werth. Gordon was employed by Bro. Walt Millikan at Millikan's Sporting Good Store on State Street. This writer worked there during Christmas vacations for two or three years and admired and respected Bro. Werth who was always helpful.

Dispensations from the Grand Master were read at this meeting enabling

McKinley to move its Charter for visitations to four Lodges outside of Hammond. A copy of a McKinley letter to Long Branch Lodge No. 78 A.F.& A.M., of Long Branch, New Jersey was read in which we requested the Long Branch Lodge to confer the Degrees of Masonry on our Petitioner, Nicholas Chris Morfas. They conferred the fist two degrees but "Nick" returned to Hammond in time for McKinley to confer the MM Degree on June 22, 1954.

On April 1, 1954, McKinley Lodge traveled by bus to Lowvale Lodge No. 1139 A.F.& A.M., in Dalton, Illinois where McKinley conferred the MM Degree on our candidate Robert James Cook. On April 15, 1954, Lowvale Lodge returned the visit and conferred the MM Degree, Illinois style on their candidate Leon Wolley.

April 30, 1954, McKinley made a visitation to Mt.Joliet Lodge No. 42, A.F.& A.M., in Joliet, Illinois where we conferred the MM Degree on our Brother James Alfred Orr, Sr. On May 25, 1954, Mt. Joliet Lodge returned the visitation, conferring the MM Degree on their candidate Donald Carl Lundberg.

At a Called Meeting on May 5, 1954, McKinley Lodge presented Brother William Sloan, P.M., of St. John Lodge No. 471 in Shotts, Lanarkshire, Scotland, with his Fifty-year Award of Gold. The Lodge also presented him with a film entitled "St. Paul's Cathedral." This writer presumes the film was about the architecture of St. Pauls Cathedral in London, England.

The highlight of the year was an International Visitation by McKinley Lodge to Victoria Lodge No. 56, A.F.& A.M., in Sarnia, Ontario, Canada. The "Maple Leaf Pilgrimage" as it was called, was made over May 29, 30, and 31, 1954. The proper Joint Dispensations from the Indiana Grand Master Elmer C. Forks, Past Grand Master Newell A. Lamb, and the Canadian Most Worshipful Grand Master, Joseph A. Hearn, from the Province of Ontario. The following excerpt is taken from the McKinley Book of Minutes.

"On Friday evening May 28, 1954, some sixty Master Masons and their wives left our Temple by bus where they boarded the Canadian National Railway's Maple Leaf Limited at 1:14 P.M. at Valparaiso, Indiana. The railroad placed at our disposal two, ultra modern, air conditioned, reclining-seat coaches, and the train journey both going and returning was an enjoyable part of the trip.

We arrived in Sarnia at 9:47 A.M. Saturday, and were met at the depot by Worshipful Brother Willoughby Degan of Victoria Lodge and his Officers and their Ladies. Transportation was provided for our entire group to the Colonial Hotel which was used as our headquarters during our stay in Sarnia. At noon on Saturday, we were dinner guests of Victoria Lodge at their Temple Banquet Hall. In the afternoon our Ladies were entertained by the Ladies of Sarnia on a tour of their China shops and stores.

In the evening our ladies were guests at a turkey dinner

banquet in the Terrace Room at the Colonial Hotel which was followed by a theater party for the ladies.

At 1:30 P.M., on Saturday afternoon, Victoria Lodge was opened and conferred the Master Mason Degree. This work was beautiful, interesting and different as will be attested by those Indiana Brethren who were present. At five o'clock they adjourned Lodge for a social hour and dinner at Kenwick Terrace.

In the evening Victoria Lodge was again opened at 7:30 P.M., on the Master Mason Degree. McKinley was then invited to preside and the Master Mason Degree was exemplified in full Indiana form, including the opening and closing. Nearly every Province in Canada was represented at this meeting, and it was one of the largest crowds ever assembled in Victoria Lodge.

The Grand Lodge of Ontario was represented at the meeting by District Deputy Grand Master, Martin Burnley, who accorded Worshipful Brother Harold B. Jackson a part in the closing ceremony of Victoria Lodge. This is generally reserved for the Grand Master or his Deputy when they are present.

McKinley's Craft received many justifiable compliments on their work.

Sunday morning, the members of both Lodges and their Ladies attended St. George's Church at the invitation of the Venerable F.G. Hardy, Archdeacon of Lambton, and a Brother of Victoria Lodge. Brother Hardy chose for the subject of his discourse, "The Great Light of Masonry". As a matter of information he related a bit of history which disclosed the fact that the first group of Officers of Victoria Lodge were installed in St. George's Church at a special Installation Service 100 years ago.

Sunday afternoon the Brethren and Ladies of Victoria Lodge furnished auto transportation for our group on a sight-seeing tour of famous Chemical Valley, down the beautiful and historical St. Clair River, and then through Point Edward up the Blue Water Highway on the eastern shore of Lake Huron.

Worshipful Brother W. Degan and his Officers and members of Victoria Lodge were most cordial and hospitable. Nothing was left undone to make our visit to Sarnia a pleasant and long to be remembered event. Many sincere and lasting friendships were formed and McKinley's Craft as always, conducted themselves with such dignity and decorum as to assure everlasting credit to McKinley Lodge and to Indiana Masonry."

Indiana Grand Master, Elmer C. Forks, in a letter to Wor. Master Harold B. Jackson, made the following comment regarding this visitation:

"I extend to the Brethren of McKinley Lodge my hearty congratulations on carrying the banner of Indiana Free Masonry to our Canadian Brethren. When

such visitations are properly conducted, they can be of inestimable value in creating excellent Fraternal relations between several Grand Jurisdictions. No doubt, this will represent one of the highlights in the rich Fraternal experiences of McKinley Lodge."

The year 1954, was the 100th anniversary of Victoria Lodge No. 56. A.F.& A.M. In commemorating this anniversary and as a permanent souvenir of McKinley's visitation, McKinley Lodge presented to Victoria Lodge a beautiful hand lettered, hand colored, Plaque on parchment, appropriately framed and permanently sealed under 26" x 32" glass. The Plaque was entitled "The Maple Leaf Pilgrimage" and was thus beautifully lettered across the top in Old English Script. Under this title was a large green maple leaf on which was imposed the square and compass and the letter "G". Unfurling from either side of the maple leaf was the Union Jack and the Stares and Stripes.

Below this imposing emblem was the photograph of the 1954 Officers of McKinley Lodge with their names, and immediately below this was the name "Elmer O. Forks", Grand Master of Indiana. Below his name was a listing of every Master Mason on the trip, totaling sixty-one. Below the names of our visiting group was the name of "Newell A. Lamb, Past Grand Master, State of Indiana". On each side of this picture the names of the column on the right and the column on the left with the celestial and terrestrial spheres on top. On the terrestrial sphere was the Map of North America showing the two countries of United States and Canada, and the two cities of Hammond and Sarnia were placed in their respective locations and properly identified. At the bottom of the Plaque was the famous Masonic Biblical quotation "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in Unity."

This plaque, so excellently executed and beautifully colored and lettered, was the hand production of our own good Brother John Lyday.

In the account of this visitation it should be stated that the Maple Leaf Pilgrimage was entirely self-supporting. All bills and expenses incurred were paid for entirely by those who made the trip. No expense at all was paid from the treasury of McKinley Lodge. This indeed had to have been a great event in McKinley's history. This writer remembers that Bro. John Lyday also made the signs needed in the play "The Influence of Masonry on the Development of the United States" produced in 1976. Bro. Lyday was most gracious and helpful to this writer who still has those signs depicting the various Battles of the Revolution used in the third act of his play.

At the June 8, 1954 Stated Meeting, the dues were remitted for four Brothers and for two at the July 13, 1954, Stated Meeting. There were seven suspensions acted upon at the July Stated Meeting.

Saturday, June 26, 1954, Arcadia Lodge No. 1138 A.F.& A.M., of Lansing, Illinois paid a visit to McKinley Lodge. Forty-seven McKinley Members and

seventy-three visitors were present for the conferring of the MM Degree on nine McKinley candidates.

On October 9 and 10, 1954, some fifty members of Victoria Lodge No. 56 in Sarnia, Ontario, Canada, with their Ladies, returned the visitation made in May by McKinley Lodge. The two-day program opened Saturday morning with a formal reception for the Canadian Masons and their Ladies at the Masonic Temple in Hammond. At this reception the Job's Daughters, Bethel No. 14, formed their symbolic Cross and afterward presented a bouquet of white carnations to Mrs. Degan. The Order of Eastern Star Choral Group then welcomed the visitors with song.

Wor. Master Harold B. Jackson and Thomas J. Martinson, P.M., welcomed the visitors and Illustrious Brother Melvin A. Monnett, 33rd Degree and a member of McKinley Lodge also welcomed the group on behalf of all the Masonic Bodies in the Hammond Temple. Following the reception and a tour of the Temple, everyone enjoyed a luncheon. In the afternoon the Ladies of Victoria Lodge Members were treated to a Chicago Loop Tour followed by dinner and a theater party by the Ladies of McKinley Members. McKinley Lodge was opened in the afternoon, in Garfield's Lodge Room, on the Master Mason Degree that was conferred on Brother Robert William Zweig, a McKinley Fellowcraft. (Garfield Lodge had the larger room)

In the evening, the Canadians exemplified their version of the MM Degree. So great was the interest in the Canadian Work that nearly five hundred Master Masons observed the work. Eighty-one different Lodges representing eighteen different Grand Jurisdictions were present. In addition to the Grand Lodge jurisdictions of Ontario, Canada and the State of Indiana, under whose Dispensations the meeting was conducted, Lodges representing Illinois, New Hampshire, Iowa, Kentucky, Washington, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Florida, Tennessee, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Georgia, Oklahoma, Ohio and New York signed the register.

Among the distinguished visitors to witness the faultless exemplification by Victoria Lodge were Indiana's Wor. Bro. Reuben A. Lamb, Past Grand Master. McKinley Lodge extended Grand Honors followed immediately by the Canadians giving Canadian Style Grand Honors to Wor. Bro. Lamb, P.G.M.

Wor. Master Willoughby Degan of Victoria Lodge, on behalf of all Canadian Masons, presented McKinley Lodge a beautiful silk Canadian Flag, edged in gold braid, approximately four feet by eight feet in size. On the ferrule of the staff was an appropriate engraving commemorating the event, and the fact that the Stars and Striped are displayed beside the Union Jack at every Victoria Lodge Meeting. It is to remind Masons everywhere of the beautiful passage "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in Unity."

Sunday morning the Brethren and their Ladies attended the First Presbyterian Church at the invitation of the Reverend Brother Harold Turpin, a member of McKinley Lodge. Following a luncheon with over one hundred in attendance, the entire group embarked on a sightseeing tour of Chicago in a glass top bus, returning to Hammond for dinner.

Monday morning, the Canadian visitors departed via their special train car, for Sarnia, Ontario. There were vows that "the visitations between these two Lodges would continue and that this International Bridge of Masonry erected by Victoria and McKinley Lodges would be traveled again and again by future Masonic Pilgrimages of fellowship and good will."

At the October 12, 1954 Stated Meeting, a request was received and read from Solomon's Lodge No. 1, of Savannah, Georgia, for the Masons of McKinley Lodge to confer the three degrees on Joseph Lloyd Cunningham as a courtesy to Solomon's Lodge. A letter from Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary, Dwight L. Smith was read at the November 9, 1954 Stated Meeting, thanking McKinley for the card of sympathy on his recent illness.

Saturday, November 20, 1954, McKinley Lodge made a pilgrimage to Pontiac Lodge No. 294, A.F. & A.M., in Pontiac, Illinois. After the reading of the proper Dispensations for the visitation, McKinley Officers and Members conferred the MM Degree on our candidate, Billie Joe Glidewell. Thirty-four McKinley Members made the very enjoyable trip.

The December 14, 1954 Stated Meeting, was one a most important meeting in the history of McKinley Lodge in the eyes of this writer. Among the eight petitions read was one from William Foster McNabney, a teacher at Hammond High School. Until the recent reading of the minutes of the Stated Meeting of December 14, 1954, in preparation for this history, this author had not remembered or perhaps not known that Wor.Bro. Charles Bounds was a member of the Investigating Committee on his petition.

Earlier in this history, this writer told of the close relationship between himself and Wor. Bro. Bounds. Once again, the Beauty of Harmony, Brotherly Love and Friendship was shown among Masons. How often it is that we know not who our benefactors are.

It was at this Stated Meeting in December 1954, that the bill of $871.78 for the Sarnia Ontario, Canada Lodge visit to McKinley Lodge was read and approved. It was also at this meeting, following the Election and Appointment of the 1955 Officers, that Worshipful Master Harold B. Jackson tendered his farewell address. It is printed in its entirety in the minutes. This writer only wishes he had read it before he made his own farewell address in 1979. All future Masters of McKinley Lodge should read it as a guide to what should be said in such circumstances. It is not repeated here because of the three pages it would take to include it.

During 1954, McKinley Lodge was the host to five Lodges making Official Visitations. McKinley Lodge made Official Visitations, under Dispensations from the Grand Lodge, to eleven Lodges in 1954 including the pilgrimage to Victoria Lodge in Sarnia, Ontario. In summarizing the years activities, mention must be been made of Official Visitations to Garfield Lodge No. 569, Griffith Lodge No. 735, Lake Lodge No. 157, and Hebron Lodge No. 502, all in Lake County, Indiana. There was a great deal of activity in 1954 and not much space to tell about it.

There were eight occasions when McKinley Lodge was called upon to conduct Funeral Services for a Brother Mason of our Lodge including three of McKinley's Past Masters. Also, several Masonic Services were conducted as a courtesy to other Lodges.

In 1954, McKinley Lodge Initiated 54, Passed 48 to the Degree of Fellowcraft and Raised the following 50 to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, not counting those Raised as a courtesy to other Lodges.

Franklin Eugene Misner
Edward August Evans
Donald John Potts
Theodore Kutscher
Glen Arthur Dunsmore
Leonard Bernard Siegel
Howard Thomson Binstock
Paul Wesley Bickell
Robert William Fuss
Donald Eugene Johnson
Carl De Chester Warren
Richard Harold Evans
Robert Francis James Stevens
Melvin Jack Blieden
Dale Shoup
Robert Francis Leistikow
Eldie Franklin Furry
Peter Gallanis
William Ferrell Pruce
Robert William Zwieg
Carl William Smalley
Billie Joe Glidewell
Russell John Benoit, Jr.
Harold Thomas Broster
John Wesley Waite
James Wesley Terpstra
James Michael Clabby
Nicholas Chris Morfas
William Peter Przondo
Glenn Hanley Kleven
Robert Cook James
Donald Frank Kerr
James Alfred Orr, Sr.
Tibor Zigmond Szabo
Gail Fredrick Mack
Heath Clair Strachan
Edwin Westley Skilling
Gordon Edward Werth
Charles Benjamin Watkins
Noel Douglas McClary
Bruce Cook Lorton
Joseph Henry Lander
Sherman Douglas Trolson
Ralph Franklin Strode
Daniel Wigley, Jr.
Orval Lee Sasser
Harvey George Kirkeiner
Lawrence Nelson Frazier
Gerald Fran Heichel
Raymond Arthur Hawkins

The following 5 Affiliated with McKinley Lodge in 1954:

Evertt LeRoy Stevens
Albert Russell Bailey

William Sloan
Joseph William Sexton
Roy Franklin Duff,

Brother John Arthur Lake was Restored to Membership in 1954.

The following nine Demitted during the year:

Lawrence John Klegin
Louis R. Albrecht (T)
William Jackson Logan
Roy Clellen Hinds
Ermon Allen (T)
George Clifford Pierce (T)
William Norman Emerson (T)
(EA Demit to Harvey J. Bixenman)
Melvin Armstrong

The dues for 22 Members of McKinley Lodge were remitted for 1954. Some were in the Armed Forces, many were of advanced age and several were unable to pay their dues.

Seven were suspended during 1954 for nonpayment of dues.

The 14 Members who died during 1954 are listed as follows:

Arthur Alexander Erickson*
Peter Elman
Fred Ambros Minard
Max Allen Adams*
William Lee Cole
William Nill*
Edward Secone Bate
Franklin A. Barmore*
Raymond Ellsworth Shaffer
Murvin Dean Childers*
Arthur Oliver Thornton, Jr., P.M.*
Francis Rex Bennett*
Elhannon Winchester Miles*
David Waite Beach, P.M.*

***** 1955 ****

Saturday, December 18, 1954, the Annual Joint Installation with Garfield Lodge of the Elected and Appointed Officers for 1955 was held in Garfield's Lodge Room. Proper Dispensation had been received to move the McKinley Charter to Garfield Lodge for the Installation.

The Installing Master was Wor, Bro. Olen C. Granger, PM, of Garfield Lodge. The Installing Marshal was Wor. Bro. Thomas J. Martinson, PM, of McKinley Lodge and the Installing Chaplain was Wor. Bro. Cecil F. Lindsey, PM, of McKinley Lodge. The Master of Ceremonies was Wor. Bro. David H. Cornelison, PM, of McKinley Lodge.

The McKinley Officers Installed for 1955, were as follows:

W.M. Issiedore B. Clark
S.W. Ralph Havling
J.W. William C. Chansler
S.D. Allen M. Domke
J.D. George W. Malcolm
S.S. Gordon W. Turner

Treas. J. Lloyd Crooks, P.M. J.S. Clarence R. Covault
Sec'y. Frank A. Ambler Chap. Leroy C. McCullum, P.M.
Tyler Thomas E. Nelson Organ George Hrehor

The Installation Program included the Posting of the Colors by the Orak Color Guard Members Clarence Ecklund and Fred Feuler. The invocation was given by Rev. Bro. Harold Turpin, of the First Presbyterian Church in Hammond and a McKinley Member. Vocal Selections were rendered by the "Oxford Quartet", and a Tableau (Costumed actors who remain silent during their presented formations) was presented by Job's Daughters, Bethel No. 14, under Honored Queen, Phyllis Harvey.

Past Master's Aprons, and Jewels were presented to the outgoing Masters and new gavels were presented to the incoming Masters.

A talk given by Wor. Bro. Merrrit D. Metz, the first Master of McKinley Lodge (1919) was followed by the Benediction given by the Reverend Brother Archie Mackey of the First Christian Church, a McKinley Member. Refreshments and an informal reception in the Arabian Room followed the Installation.

An interesting item appears in the minutes of the January 11, 1955 Stated Meeting. A petitioner who had been elected at the December 14, 1954 Stated Meeting, had his petition arrested by Wor. Master Issiedore B. Clark after a valid objection was made. No further mention of the "arrested petition" was found by this writer so the name of the petitioner is withheld.

Due to the death of David W. Beach, Past Master and Trustee, an election to fill the position of Trustee was held during the February 8, 1955 Stated Meeting. Wor. Bro. Floyd K. Gwinner, Past Master was elected to fill the vacancy.

At the March 8, 1955 Stated Meeting, the dues for twenty-three members were remitted for the 1955 year. Thursday, March 10, 1955, this writer had the privilege of being Raised to the Sublime Degree by his father. Wor. Master Issiedore B. Clark, was most kind in permitting Bland T. McNabney to occupy the East in the Second Section of the Degree and it was an event that will never be forgotten by this writer.

There were thirty-seven members and fourteen visitors present that night and the signatures of forty-three are in the Bible presented to this writer. As of this writing, thirty-six of those signers have gone to the "Undiscovered Country from Whose Born, No Traveler Returns."

The first candidate Raised that evening was Bro. William Renau Scherer, who was as impressed with the Ceremony as was this writer.

At the March 8, 1955 Stated Meeting, a committee was appointed to look into

the purchase of an Electric Organ for the Lodge. The report and approval of such a purchase was made at the April 12, 1955 Stated Meeting. The Committee appointed to look into the matter consisted of Floyd K. Gwinner, PM, J. Lloyd Crooks, PM, Harold B. Jackson, PM, Martin Kaufman (who became Master in 1964) and Organist George Hrehor.

The purchase and installation price was $2,815.00. It was purchased from the well-known music company of Lyon and Healy of Chicago. Brother Martin Kaufman donated $350.00 toward the purchase in memory of his father, the late Brother Louis Kaufman.

It was also at this meeting that the MBA Budget of $26,185.00 was read and McKinley's assessment at 19.13 Percent, amounted to $5,006.29. A Dispensation from Grand Master Elmer C. Forks was read authorizing McKinley to visit Victoria Lodge No.56, A.F.& A.M., in Ontario, Canada, May 28, 1955, to exemplify the MM Degree in Full Indiana Form. This writer could find nothing in the records indicating that the visitation was made.

In passing, mention is made of the Raising of Bro. Dean Anson Cross on April 26, 1955. Bro. Cross was the friend and barber of this writer and many McKinley Members for many years.

The May 10, 1955 Stated Meeting, brought a report from the Past Master's Association seeking approval for a joint committee of Garfield and McKinley to organize a new (Third) Lodge in Hammond and select a Corps of Officers to be recommended for the new Lodge. The minutes read as follows:

"The Past Master's Association made a report on the subject of a third Blue Lodge in Hammond, recommending that Garfield and McKinley Lodges approve the proposal to organize a new Lodge and acting together select a Corps of Officers to be recommended for the new Lodge and they, to act as a Committee under the guidance of the Past Master's Association to work out and carry through the organization details. A motion made by Ralph Havling was seconded by C.William Chansler that we accept the report." Wor. Master Clark tabled the motion until the June 14, 1955, Stated Meeting, saying that the membership of McKinley Lodge would be advised of the proposed action.

At the June 14, 1955 Stated Meeting, Wor. Bro. Reuben Lamb, PM, reported for the Past Master's Association, recommending the passage of the tabled motion of May 10, 1955. The motion was approved unanimously. (This writer does not have the information relative to the reasons why no third Lodge was established nor the background or story about why the passed recommendation was not carried through.)

It was at the July 12, 1955 Stated Meeting, the Lodge voted to suspend ten members for nonpayment of dues. The reported membership in the annual report to grand Lodge for 1954 gave the membership at 1263 with assets of

$44,891.93.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Leslie F. Marsh of the state of New Hampshire and his Grand Secretary Harold B. Cady, conferred the 50 Year Award of Gold on McKinley Brother John William Smith on July 7, 1955, in New Boston, New Hampshire as a courtesy to McKinley Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

Communications were read at the September 13, 1955 Stated Meeting, informed McKinley that Senior Warden Ralph Havling had visited Jubilee Lodge No. 104 in Santa Ana, California and Ashley Lodge No.29 in Billings, Montana. Another letter informed us that McKinley Brother Earl Fifield had visited Pontiac Lodge No. 294, in Pontiac, Illinois.

Through the years, many of our Brothers visited other Lodges both in and out of State but space has not permitted writing about most of them.

One of ten petitions read at the October 11, 1955 Stated Meeting, was from Russell Myrl Foss who became Master of McKinley Lodge in 1968 and is well known for his Bible Presentation and his recitation of Most Worshipful Brother Newell A. Lamb's poem "The Book Upon the Alter."

Past Grand Master Lamb, representing the Grand Master, was present at the November 8, 1955 Stated Meeting, and presented the Grand Lodge Fifty Year Award of Gold to our Brother John Clifford Agnew. Presentations of a pin to the twenty-five year members was the pleasant duty of Wor. Master I.B. Clark. Following the presentations a fine talk was given by the first Master of McKinley Lodge, Merritt D. Metz.

McKinley was still hard at work and Saturday, December 3, 1955, the Lodge Raised seven to the Sublime Degree. There were eight petitions read at the December 13, 1955 Stated Meeting, and among them was one from Lloyd Ikeler Oman who became Master of McKinley Lodge in 1991.

The annual report showed a balance on hand of $4,218.80 with total assets of $43,865.18. We were still in pretty good shape.

In 1955, McKinley Lodge Initiated 59, Passed 52 to the Degree of Fellowcraft and Raised the following 52 to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

Lynne Cowan
Folmer Nyby
Eura Taylor Oakley
William Foster McNabney*(WM 1979)
Aloize Anton Para
Raymond Edward Wade
Peter Jongsma
Dean Anson Cross
Wesley Nesbit Cowan
Ernest Wayne Kuzak
William Renau Scherer
Alex Anton Zinski
Clyde Harry Northrup
Roy Milton Conley
Paul Brian Huebner
William Joseph Sutton

George Robert Storts
Aubrey Albin Carmichael
Terry Alexander
Donald William Swick
Rex Edward Bennett
Elwood Alger
Ernest Lorraine Klein
Arthur Leroy Jerome
Elmon Michael Ferguson
James Robert Carley
Raymond Ray Carson
Robert Nathan Thompson
John Free Leonard
Frank Glenn Zerkel
Clarence Leroy Baldwin, Jr.
Russell Myrl Foss*(WM 1968)
Deyo Allen Gregor
Rudolph Gallucci
Roy G. Oliver, Jr.
Joseph Durkos
Orville R.C.J. Schwingendorff
Calvin Lynn Green
Lawrence Gordon Pennington
James Metro Karnafel
William Arthur Schank
Henry Beacher Taylor
Irvin Palmer Becker
George Weller Hay
Burnell Fischer
James Harley Schau
Hugh Wayne Bell
Francis Jonathan Dee Ross
Edward Frank Weiss
Samuel Sambrookes, Jr.
William Eugene Conner
Jack William Bornejko

Brothers Jerome George Zein from Fidelity #39 in Austin MN, and Kenneth John Deering of Whiting Lodge No. 613, in Whiting, Indiana affiliated in 1955, as did Julius Bland and Herbert Green.

The following five were restored to membership.
Thomas Hardy Jerome
William Edward Guy
Clifford William Black
Edwin H.Friedrich
Wilbur Ernest Knight

There were eight demits granted. All were transferring to other Lodges.

Roy Clellan Hinds
Ermon Allen
Edwin Hamilton Miles
Norman Barfoote Whale
Lester Arnold Blythe
Donald Eugene McConnell
Jack Frederick Whitt
James David Metcalf

There were twenty-seven for whom the dues were remitted.

Ten were suspended for nonpayment of dues.

There were thirteen members who died in 1955.
August Richter*
Raymond M. Fox* (Courtesy by Acme Lodge #83, Michigan City)
James B. Weeks*
George Armour Sloan
William P. O'Donnell*
Angus W. Telley*
Charles F. Kortum
Edward A. Jordan
William J. Talbot
Ralph F. Smith*
Arthur A. Snodgrass
Otis D. Duckworth*
Thomas Euell Alexander*

***** 1956 *****

The annual Joint Installation of Officers with Garfield Lodge took place Saturday, December 17, 1955. The Installing Master was Wor. Bro. Cecil F. Lindsey of McKinley Lodge. The Installing Marshal was Wor. Bro. Thomas J. Martinson of McKinley Lodge. The Installing Chaplain was Wor. Bro. Clarence J. Cole of Garfield Lodge and the Master of Ceremonies was Wor. Bro. Olen C. Granger of Garfield Lodge.

The McKinley Lodge Officers Installed for 1956 were:

W.M. Ralph Havling	**S.D. George W. Malcolm**
S.W. C. William Chansler	**J.D. Gordon W. Turner**
J.W. Allen M. Domke	**S.S. Clarence R. Covault**
Treas. J. Lloyd Crooks, P.M.	**J.S. J. Harold Cox**
Sec'y. Frank A. Ambler	**Chap. Leroy C. McCullum, P.M.**
Tyler Thomas E. Nelson	**Organ George Hrehor**

The Invocation was given by the Reverend Brother, Archie Mackey, Minister of the First Christian Church in Hammond and a member of McKinley Lodge. The Benediction was by the Reverend Brother Allen B. Rice. The address was by Wor. Bro. Merritt D. Metz, the first Master of McKinley Lodge.

Committee Chairman appointed for the year were:

David H. Cornelison, P.M.	**Finance and Auditing**
Ralph Havling, WM	**Charity**
J.Lloyd Crooks, P.M.	**Investigating**
Ralph Havling, WM	**Masonic Information**
Allen M. Domke	**Masonic Home**
Thomas E. Nelson	**Mentors**
David H. Cornelison, P.M.	**By-Laws**
Bland T. McNabney	**Monitor**
C. William Chansler	**Lodge Visitations**
Isaac J. Rogers	**Refreshment**

The Trustees were Floyd K. Gwinner, P.M., Harold B. Jackson, P.M., and I.B. Clark, P.M.

There were 78 Members at the January 10, 1956 Stated Meeting. A good friend of this writer, Nechenzio "Duke" Zaffore had his petition read again that night along with another friend from high school and college, Robert Lee

Christ. Duke was born on the 17th day of November 1912 at Gangi, Italy. (More about him later)

At the February 14, 1956 Stated Meeting, eight petitions were read including one from Haskel Alvin Sullivan who owned and operated Sullivan's Paint Store on 165th Street for many years. He became well known among Masons in the greater Hammond area.

At the March 13, 1956 Stated Meeting, a Dispensation from Grand Lodge was read authorizing McKinley Lodge to invite Victoria Lodge No. 56, in Sarnia, Ontario Canada to visit McKinley Lodge and confer the MM Degree, Canadian Style on their candidate. The date given for the visit was for May 19, 1956.

April 7, 1956, McKinley Lodge visited Vesper Lodge No. 584, A.F.& A.M., in Galesburg, Illinois and conferred the MM Degree on our Brother Lloyd Ikeler Oman.

May 5, 1956, Mt. Joliet Lodge No. 42, A.F.& A.M., of Joliet, Illinois visited McKinley Lodge and conferred the MM Degree on their candidate Harold Lloyd Lockhart.

Among the petitions read at the May 8, 1956 Stated Meeting, was one from Ernest Gilbert Cunningham. "Ernie" subsequently was elected to the East in each of the Hammond York Rite Bodies, and was the instigator and established the York Rite College in Hammond. He was elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Indiana in 1979. He was appointed to the Office of Junior Deacon in McKinley Lodge in 1984. It was a great loss to the Lodge and to Masonry when as Senior Warden of McKinley Lodge in 1987, Brother Ernie Cunningham was taken by death.

The June 12, 1956 Stated Meeting, brought the reading of the petition of Lawrence Alan Lundgren, a life long friend, fellow student and fellow teacher with this writer at Hammond High School. The petition of Clarence Anton Tapper was also read at this meeting. Clarence Tapper has been a great personal friend and Masonic benefactor. He appointed this writer into the Officers Line of McKinley Lodge and later to the Office of Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

Clarence Tapper became Master of McKinley Lodge, an Officer in the Scottish Rite Valley of South Bend, i.e., Most Wise Master of the John Hazen White Chapter of Rose Croix, a 33rd Degree Mason, a member of all of the York Rite Bodies in Hammond, Potentate of Orak Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S, and was elected to the highest Office in Indiana Masonry. He was Installed May 17, 1983, as Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Indiana, bringing honor not only to himself but to McKinley Lodge No. 712 F.& A.M. of Hammond, Indiana.

A 1956 McKinley highlight, was another visit from our friends of Victoria Lodge No. 56, A.F.& A.M. Sarnia, Ontario, Canada. The afternoon of Saturday, May 19, 1956, McKinley Lodge entertained Victoria Lodge by Exemplifying the Fellowcraft Degree in Indiana Form.

In the evening, Victoria Lodge No. 56, Exemplified the MM Degree, Canadian Style. There were eighty members of McKinley and one hundred and seventy-four visitors present to see the Canadian Work. Naturally, there was a dinner between the sessions for the visiting Brothers and their ladies and an afternoon program for the ladies.

At the August 11, 1956 Stated Meeting, a By-Laws amendment was proposed whereby the annual dues would be raised to $14.00 including the Masonic Home Assessment. The amendment passed at the September 11, 1956 Stated Meeting. A motion by our Treasurer, Brother Frank Ambler, was passed to contribute an additional $1.00 per member this year to the Indiana Masonic Home to furnish a room in the hospital section.

The minutes of the September, 1956 Stated Meeting, informed the Lodge of the Grand Lodge Award of Gold presentation to our Brother C.L. Kinsey, by Worshipful Master Ralph Havling and Past Master Sam Gallucci, for the Grand Master of Masons in Indiana.

September 28, 1956, McKinley paid a visit to Mt. Joliet Lodge No.42 in Joliet, Illinois where they conferred the MM Degree on Ernest Gilbert Cunningham.

A communication read at the October 9, 1956 Stated Meeting, stated Betherl Lodge No. 358 F. & A.M., had conferred the EA Degree on Alvah Edward Mills as a courtesy to McKinley Lodge.

Thursday evening, November 8, 1956, the Grand Lodge Award of Gold was presented to Bros. Joseph T. Otto and to A.Roy See, Past Master of McKinley by Junior Grand Deacon Harold S. Jackson acting as Special Deputy of the Grand Master. The presentation was followed by an address by Dr. Preston Bradley, a renown minister and writer in Chicago.

The November 11, 1956 Stated Meeting, brought the reading of the petition of Gil Andrew Mayo for Affiliation. Gil Mayo wrote a very brief four page Social History of McKinley Lodge in 1967, some of which this writer incorporated in this volume.

During 1956, McKinley Lodge Initiated 42, Passed 35 to the Degree of Fellowcraft and Raised the following 37 to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

Everett Raymond Pettigrew
George Robert Callentine
Joseph Michael Tevis
Donald Lewis McRight

John Oliver Erickson (Raised by Lake Lodge #1203, of Big Lake, Texas, as a courtesy to McKinley Lodge.)

Robert Lee Christ
Daniel Rakich
Claude Paul Rea
Orth Bruce Barcus
Don Elvin Thrasher
William Walker McKeighan
Garvis Eugene Johnson
George William Wilson
Edward Herkey
Clarence Anton Tapper*
Marlin William Johnson
Walter Kinney Coil, Jr.
Lawrence Alan Lundgren
Vernon Clifton Brackett
Ival Carroll Freeman
Godfrey Leroy Eggers
Lloyd Ikeler Oman*
Haskell Alvin Sullivan
John William Ayers, Jr.
George Rowe Barcus
Horst Guenther Wandel
William James Hudnall
Joseph Carleton Hippensteel
Robert Allen Van Senus
Ernest Gilbert Cunningham
Johnnie Allan Houser
Chester Leahman Hall
Dorren Howard Dasvidson
Richard Kenneth Lee
Charles Urwin Bowman
James Meichei Creasy

Gerald Gene Lucas (Raised as a courtesy to McKinley Lodge by Proctor Lodge #679 of Fayettvill, N C.)

There were four who affiliated with McKinley in 1956.

Ollice C. Robbins
Gilbert Andrew Mayo
George Erwin Schiffbauer
Harold McDonald

Six demitted in 1956:

Flint Berdine (T)
Thomas Irvin Melton
John Robert Forrest
Edward Preston Cunningham (T)
Lloyd C.Danielson
Willard Boston Johnson

The dues for twenty-five members were remitted in 1956:

Two were suspended for nonpayment of dues.

The following thirteen McKinley Members died in 1956:

Howard Oltz
Harry Dockery*
Floyd Franklin Leonard
Duke Kunsel McArty
Norman Albertos Tapper
Albert C. Graun (E.A.)
Howard C. Pearson*
Grover C. Fredley*
Willard Henderson McMurray*
Harold Loertz Douglas*
Russell Manning Oltz
Homer John Postlewaite*
Robert Middleton

Jack J. Reader* (As a courtesy by Kilwinning No 311, Chicago, IL.)

The 1956 Annual Report to Grand Lodge listed 1262 Members in McKinley Lodge. In some years there are slight differences in the Annual Report of the numbers of Masons Raised in McKinley Lodge and those listed in this history. The reason for this lies in the number of McKinley Masons listed in this volume who were Raised in other Lodges as a courtesy to McKinley Lodge, and in the cut off date for reporting to Grand Lodge. Those listed in this volume were taken directly from the approved minutes of McKinley Lodge and letters received and read. Every effort to insure accuracy has been made and every record checked and double checked. If there are errors, they are certainly unintentional and this writer takes full responsibility and apologizes to anyone who may take offense to any error of ommission.

At this point in the writing of this chronicle or History of McKinley Lodge, the writer must make known to those reading this volume that detailed information relative to Past Master's Dinners Warden's Nights and other events of interest held during the 1950's is sadly lacking. A search of the minutes and correspondence available too often contains no information and many events of interest that did occur are not mentioned at all in the recorded minutes of the Lodge because these events were not part of a Called or Stated Lodge meeting.

If there is no record of some event of interest a reader may recall and it is not reported here, it is because this writer found no record of the event and no one came forth with information relative to it.

On several occasions in Lodge and in the Newsletter, this writer has called upon the members for information to be included in this volume.

***** 1957 *****

The annual Joint Installation of the 1957 Officers was Saturday, December 29, 1956 in Garfield's Lodge Room. All Installations are open to the public and on this occasion the room and the balcony were packed with people. The Lodge had been formally opened on the MM Degree and placed at ease earlier in the day.

Wor. Bro. Richard E. Wehr, P.M., of Garfield was the Installing Master. Wor. Bro. Thomas J. Martinson, P.M. of McKinley Lodge, was the Installing Marshal. Wor. Bro. Melvin L. Phillips, P.M. of Garfield Lodge served as the Installing Chaplain, and Wor. Bro. Floyd K. Gwinner, P.M., of McKinley Lodge, acted as Master of Ceremonies. The McKinley Officers Installed to serve for 1957 were as follows:

W.M. C. William Chansler
S.W. Allen M. Domke
J.W. George W. Malcolm
Treas. J. Lloyd Crooks, P.M.
Sec'y. Frank A. Ambler
Tyler Thomas E. Nelson
S.D. Gordon W. Turner
J.D. Clarence R. Covault
S.S. J. Harold Cox
J.S. Orval A. Fleener
Chap Leroy C. McCullum, P.M.
Organ George Hrehor

The Colors were Posted by the Willis R. Ford Chapter of DeMolay. Vocal Selections were rendered by the ORAK Chanters and also by the "Star Dusters" of Abbey Chapter #578, Order of the Eastern Star. The Officers were escorted by the Knights Templar of Hammond Commandery No. 41. Visitors from Victoria Lodge No. 56 of Sarnia, Ontario, Canada were also present for the Installation. The Tableau was presented by Bethel No. 14 of Job's Daughters, and the Benediction was given by the Rev. Calvin Phillips of the South Side Christian Church in Hammond.

At the March 12, 1957 Stated Meeting, the Lodge voted unanimously to approve an amendment to the By-Laws of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Indiana relating to Article XII. This was about granting a Dispensation relating to any Petition for the establishment of a new Lodge. This writer was unable to obtain a copy of the proposed amendment to the Grand Lodge By-Laws but assumes it had to do with the third Blue Lodge being proposed by the Past Masters Association of the Hammond Masonic Temple.

A communication from Fraternity Lodge No.111 A.F.& A.M., of El Paso, Texas, read at the April 9, 1957 Stated Meeting, requested that McKinley Lodge confer all three degrees on their Candidate, Frank Stacy Morris, temporarily residing in Hammond.

The Lodges in Lake County had been taking turns at holding an Annual Wardens Night and it was McKinley's turn to host the affair in 1957. It was held in our Lodge Room on April 23, 1957, with 47 members and 56 visitors present, not counting the Officers. No degree work was performed but all enjoyed the speaker of the evening, Reverend Brother Archie Mackey of McKinley Lodge and Minister of the First Christian Church on Summer Street at Calumet Avenue in Hammond.

In addition to all the Lake County Lodges represented, Porter Lodge No. 137, in Valparaiso, M.L. McClelland Lodge No. 357, Hobart, Indiana and Calumet Lodge No. 379, of Chesterton, Indiana, were represented. These Lodges are all in Porter County. It was agreed that Warden's Night in 1958 would be held at Roosevelt Lodge No. 716, in Gary, Indiana after they extended an invitation.

The Stated Meeting of May 14, 1957, brought a communication from Grand Lodge stating that "any Past Master who affiliates with another Lodge, actually becomes an Honorary Past Master without further action from the

originating Lodge".

Annual Past Master's Night was held May 23, 1957. The cost of the dinner was $562.83 and well worth it for the guests that night included the Senior Grand Deacon of the MWGL of Indiana, Harold S. Jackson; Past Grand Master, Newell A. Lamb, and the speaker for the event was Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of South Carolina, John I. Smith. Each of these distinguished Masons sent a "thank you letter" for being invited to attend McKinley's Past Master's Night.

June 8, 1957, McKinley Lodge made a visitation to Edward Dobbins Lodge No. 164 in Lawrenceville, Illinois. McKinley conferred the MM Degree on our candidate Bro. Wilbur Frances Bothwell. A bill for $15.00 to Wor. Master William C. Chansler at the June 11, 1957 Stated Meeting, would indicate that the Brethren drove their own cars and paid their own way for the visitation.

McKinley was still hard at work. Saturday, June 15, 1957, the Lodge conferred the MM Degree on eleven candidates. One was a courtesy to London Lodge # 339, London, Arkansas and another was as a courtesy to Aurora Lodge # 254, Aurora, Illinois.

At the October 8, 1957 Stated Meeting, a "thank you" note was read from the Bland T. McNabney family for the courtesies extended by the members of the Lodge on the death of Sylvia Arletta McNabney, wife of Bro. Bland T. and mother of Bro. William F. McNabney, Mr. Leland P. McNabney, and Bro. James E. McNabney.

A demit from Berchard Lamar Glant was granted to permit him to affiliate with Hill City Lodge No. 603 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. A recent letter from "Louie" Glant to this writer expressed the love he still has for McKinley Lodge as he was the first disabled veteran of World War II, admitted to McKinley Lodge.

McKinley accepted an invitation at the August 13, 1957 Stated Meeting, to visit Judson Lodge No. 518, F.& A.M., in Judson, Indiana on October 12, 1957. The visitation was made and McKinley conferred the MM Degree on our candidate, Relda Thomas Carter. Word has it that the McKinley Bus had to stop and let the Brothers off the bus at the bridge before they could enter Judson. The bridge was so worn that safety required the bus to cross empty and pick the Brothers up on the other side.

In 1957, McKinley Lodge Initiated 45, Passed 48 to the Degree of Fellowcraft and Raised 46 to the Degree of Master Mason:

John Stevens Hudkins
Donald Glen Elman
Robert Fay Gardner
John Edward Sullivan
Edward William Sickmeyer
David Sterling Munson

Alvah Edward Mill (Raised as a courtesy by Bethel Lodge No.358, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan)
Al Frances Mackin (Raised as a courtesy by Griffith No. 735)

Jack George Whitlock	Anthony Russel Raynor
Ralph Emerson Dixon	Sebren Thomas Puryear
Leroy George Klam	Carl Dee Pritchett
Wayne Elford Berdine	Robert Charles Reed
William Langley Burris	James Ellsworth Junkens
Wilbur Frances Bothwell	John Thomas Boon
Harry Grant Boring	Horace Mamala
Lester Ballson May	Denver Clifford Freeman
Merle Eugene Brink	Norman Albertus Tapper, Jr.
Jack Wallace Patterson	Weiko John Livari
William Covault	William Joseph Brant, Jr.
Harold Lee Brown	Guy Franklin Myers
Relda Thomas Carter	Webster William Cornwell
James Haldane Miller	Thomas Melvin Spero
Dean Ross Auld	Jim Clinton Jeffries
Charles Louis Roth	Victor Ray Collins

Robert Howard Bock (Raised as a courtesy by Fraternity Lodge No. 1111, of El Paso, Texas)

Martin Anthony Kansfield	John Howard Hill
Raymond Guy Hill	John Lawrence Franklin
Saul Solomon Levin	

There were five who affiliated with McKinley in 1957:

James Arnold Dickey	Alex Katzman
Edward Palmteer	John Charles Hill
Allen Eugene Crum	

The dues were remitted for 23 including five 50 year members, and one in the Military Service. The remainder were hardship cases.

The following six demitted:

John Leroy Troutman (T)	Deva Lee Bishop (T)
John Bajzatt (T)	Berchard Lamar Glant (T)
Walter Lee Sanger (T)	Paul Elmer Schwingendorf

There were seven suspended for nonpayment of dues.
(NOTE) To this point in this "History of McKinley Lodge", this writer may have listed the names of some suspended for nonpayment of dues. In reviewing the Grand Lodge "Minimum Standards for Publications," and in reviewing the Book of Regulations on another matter, this writer ran across an interesting statement in paragraph four on page 228 in the Blue Book of Regulations. It said that publications should not contain "Anything pertaining to suspension or expulsion of members." Although this probably referred to expulsions, and this writer could find no regulation appertaining thereto, he

will not continue to print the names of those suspended from McKinley Lodge for nonpayment of dues in this volume.

There were twenty-three members who died in 1957.
The * indicates a Masonic Memorial Funeral Service was held.

Cecil W. Cassady
Roy E. Beucus*
George O. Shaw
Edward Palmateer*
George Calder
Max Lewis Hunter*
George Newport Gilbert*
Arthur H. Hanson
Ernest Thurston Peterson*
Charles Harvey Wainwright*
Ned Nelson*
George R. Nimon*

John Vernon Stanton* (Memorial Service by the Masonic Board of Los Angeles, California for McKinley)

Max David Leonard* (Memorial Service by Benton Lodge No. 521, of Fowler, Indiana)

Erick Erickson*
James Edward Arney* (Memorial Service by Excelsior Lodge # 41, LaPorte, Indiana)
McCormack C. McPherson*
Clarendon L. Kinsey*
Arthur J. Walstrum*
Earl Elmer Chansler*
Carlin Houser
Henderson C. Petrie
Henry Wilhelm *

***** 1958 *****

The annual Public Joint Installation for McKinley and Garfield Lodges was held Saturday, December 21, 1957 in Garfield's Lodge Room. The Installing Master was Wor. Bro. Harold F. Warner, P.M., of Garfield Lodge, the Installing Marshal was Wor. Bro. Thomas J. Martinson, P.M., of McKinley Lodge, the Installing Chaplain was Wor. Bro. Cecil F. Lindsey, P.M., of McKinley Lodge, the Master of Ceremonies was Wor. Bro. Clarence J. Cole, P.M., Garfield Lodge.

The McKinley Officers Installed for 1958 were as follows:

W.M. Allen M. Domke
S.W. George W. Malcolm
J.W. Gordon W. Turner
Treas. J. Lloyd Crooks, P.M.
Sec'y. Frank A. Ambler
Tyler Thomas E. Nelson
S.D. Clarence R. Covault
J.D. J. Harold Cox
S.S. Orval E. Fleener
J.S. Martin Kaufman
Chap Leroy C. McCullum, P.M.
Organ George Hrehor

The year 1957 ended on a sad note and the year 1958 began in sadness. The reason for sadness was the death and Memorial Services on December 31,

1957 and on January 2, 1958 of two of our Brothers.

Things brightened up a bit for six petitions were read at the January 14, 1958 Stated Meeting. One was from Donald Irwin Henry. Don became Master of McKinley Lodge in 1977, is our present Treasure, and this writer has never known Wor. Bro. Don to miss a meeting from the time Don became Master to the present. Wor. Bro. Don also holds the distinction of being a Knight of the York Cross of Honor.

The work of the Lodge continued at a good pace. Saturday, April 5, 1958, five candidates were Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason and there were 61 members and 39 visitors present not counting Officers.

At the May 13, 1958 Stated Meeting, the Petition of Maxwell Cecil Wernersbach was one of the six read that night. Max was regular in attendance at Lodge and a great help in the work on the Temple right up to his death.

Saturday, June 21, 1958, the Master Mason Degree was conferred on nine candidates with 59 members and 33 visitors present. A total of 11 were Raised to the Sublime degree in June of 1958. McKinley Lodge was still very busy with many new candidates. It was at the June 10, 1958 Stated Meeting that Bro. Henry Mueller was presented with the grand Lodge Fifty-year Award of Gold by the first Master of McKinley Lodge, Wor. Bro. Merritt D. Metz acting as Special Deputy for the Grand Master of Masons of Indiana.

A word needs to be said here about Worshipful Master, Allen M. Domke. He was not only a fine Master but continued to work and help at every meeting until his death.

At the July 8, 1958 Stated Meeting, among the five petitions read was the petition of Harry Alan Shumaker. Harry worked as a painter for the School City of Hammond and became Master of McKinley Lodge in 1973. He was active in the York Rite and held the distinguished honor of a Knight of the York Cross of Honor. This writer had the privilege of working with Bro. Harry Shumaker in the School City of Hammond and as fellow officers in Chapter No. 117, Royal Arch Masons in Hammond. Wor. Bro. Harry was an outstanding man and Mason.

A letter from the Grand Secretary was read that night thanking McKinley members for their donations to the Hospital Section of the Masonic Home. The donations totaled $620.60.

The annual Inspection was held with Garfield Lodge on the Fellowcraft Degree on September 3, 1958. The inspection was by Wor. Bro. Lenis Firestone, Grand Lecturer. A later communication from the Grand Master stated his pleasure with the report on the work and record keeping of McKinley Lodge.

October 18, 1958, McKinley made another formal visitation to Judson Lodge No. 518 F.& A.M., in Judson, Indiana. We conferred the MM Degree on our candidate Edgar Harrison Rice. It was an enjoyable visit due to the rustic dress and informality of those of the Host Lodge and McKinley Members who made the trip and are still around are still talking about it. This time they went by car and the old bridge was still standing and holding auto traffic.

The petition of Raymond Eugene Lucht was read at the December 9, 1958 Stated Meeting. Ray succeeded Jack Hayden as the "Official Photographer" for McKinley Lodge and in recent years has kept a picture record of Installations and other important events of the Lodge.

The Annual Report of the Secretary for 1958 shows a McKinley Membership of 1322, with monetary assets of $55,024.13.

McKinley Initiated 46, Passed 42 to the Degree of Fellowcraft and Raised the following 41 to the Sublime degree of Master Mason in 1958:

Michael Durco
Warren Albert Horton
Paul Frederick Hoppie
Robert James Hoekema
David Ellsworth Baker
Richard Earl Gentry
Donald Irwin Henry*(WM 1977)
Johnie Earl Brogan
John Rapelli
Donald McNay Howell
John Hugh Gooch
Curtis Eldred Dorris
Jack Dale Richardson
Charles William Tompkins
Ralph Ovid Olsen
Jerry Carlyle Gooch
Harry A. Shumaker*(WM 1973)
Albert Ray Reinholt
Maxwell Cecil Wernersbach
Norbert William Bowers
Nicholas George Andre
Robert Eugene Downing
Glen E. Ricketts
Allie Fultz, Jr.
Edward Albert Mahnke
John McNeil, Jr.
Lester Delphin Gullickson
Carl Fred Muehlman, Jr.
John William Voss
Lawrence Fatherlee
Donald Woodworth Carter
Willis Yonker
Donald Ray Absher
Wayne Charles Guy
Ralph Junior Day
Edgar Harrison Rice
Carlyle Foster Gooch
John Seifried
Clifton Blankenship
Fred Otho Dickson
Adolf Irving Lang

The following affiliated with McKinley in 1958:
James Nicholas
Charles William Cullom

Three were restored:
Andrew Wagner
Donald Frederick Zaun
Kenneth John Deering

The dues for twenty-seven members were remitted. Twenty-four were hardship cases, four were fifty-year members and the remainder were in the Military.

There were nine who demitted: (T) = Transferred

Oliver William Kirkeby (T)
Donald William Goble
George Huber Laws (T)
Lyman P. Oltz, P.M.
Edwin P. Glover (T)
Nilo W. Hovey (T)
Harold Leo Brown (T)
Donald H. Curtis (T)
Ronald Earl Hill (T)

There were 16 who were suspended for nonpayment of dues.

The following fourteen died in 1958.

Max Carl Haberman*
George Plant*
John Berthal Stoehr*
Jay Thompson Osler
Louis Fridrich Banse*
Clem Urwin Bowman*
William Francis Lawson
Clarence Earl Dewey*
Lowel Smith Fisher
Richard Sessions Redway
Burt Fornum Davidson
Harry Thomas Eads*
Thomas L. Herndon*
Ralph H. Humbles*

***** 1959 *****

The Annual Public Joint Installation of Officers for McKinley and Garfield Lodges for 1959 was held on December 27, 1958. The Installing Master was Wor. Bro. Harold F. Warner, P.M., Garfield Lodge, the Installing Marshal was Wor. Bro. Ivan R. Aldrich, P.M., Garfield Lodge, the Installing Chaplain was Wor. Bro. Fay Eads, P.M., Garfield Lodge and the Master of Ceremonies was Wor. Bro. Leroy C. McCullum, P.M., McKinley Lodge.

The McKinley Officers Installed for 1959 were as follows:

W.M. George W. Malcolm
S.W. Gordon W. Turner
J.W. Clarence R. Covault
Treas. J. Lloyd Crooks, P.M.
Sec'y. Frank A. Ambler
Tyler Thomas E. Nelson
S.D. J. Harold Cox
J.D. Orval E. Fleener
S.S. Martin Kaufman
J.S. John Plain
Chap. Leroy C. McCullum, P.M.
Organ George Hrehor

Following a beautiful ceremony with vocal selections by Betty Babcock, accompanied by Gloria Monahan, the Grand Lodge Award of Gold was presented to Bro. William Rose of McKinley Lodge. The presentation was made by Wor. Bro. Harold B. Jackson on behalf of the Grand Master.

The Organist for the evening was Wor. Bro. K. Arthur Wehr of Garfield Lodge. Hammond Chapter O.E.S. "Forty-niner's Drill Team also performed during the Installation Program and Refreshments were later served in the Arabian Room.

At the March 10, 1959 Stated Meeting, the Lodge authorized sending Wor. Bro. Harold B. Jackson to accompany the Officers who would be attending Grand Lodge in May. Wor. Bro. Harold had the distinction of being the Grand Lodge Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nevada to the Grand Lodge of Indiana. Few in our Lodge have had the distinction of being a Grand Lodge Representative. The Office brings honor and credit not only to the individual but to McKinley Lodge as well.

Six of our members died in March of 1959. This was an inordinate number for one month and the Lodge suffered greatly from their loss.

It was in April 1959, the salary of the Tyler was set at $200.00 per year with some override if that were far less than the hourly rate previously set. This turned out to be a loss for the Tyler. The hours put in by the Tyler because of many Thursday and Saturday Meetings and Masonic Memorial Services in 1959 resulted in a loss of wages.

The highest number of Masons to be Raised in any single month in McKinley Lodge to this date was in June 1959, when seventeen were Raised to the Sublime Degree.

It was also in June 1959, that the Petition to Affiliate with McKinley Lodge was received and read from Bro. Arthur M. Sluyter, the Principal of Lafayette Elementary School in Hammond. This writer had the pleasure of knowing "Art" and working with him for many years. He transferred in from New Richmond Lodge No. 604, in New Richmond, Indiana. He was a fine Educator for many years in Hammond.

It was on June 13, 1959 that McKinley made a formal visit to Milford Lodge No. 54, in Milford, Ohio. Most of the members traveled Bus. The Gary Intercity Transport Bus Company submitted a total bill to the Lodge, paid by those who traveled by bus, of $358.10. On that Saturday afternoon, Milford Lodge conferred the MM Degree on their candidate David Drury. Dave and his wife later moved to Hammond and he is a now a member of McKinley Lodge by affiliation. He was associated for many years with the Chapel Lawn Cemetery in Schererville.

In talking with Dave, he said that there were sixty-nine McKinley Members present when he was Raised. After a dinner for all Masons and their Ladies, Lodge was called from refreshment to labor and McKinley conferred the MM Degree on McKinley candidate Harry L. Withrow. Throughout the afternoon and evening, the Ladies were entertained by the Ladies of the Host Lodge.

They were taken shopping, on a tour of the city and through an industry that manufactured soap and beauty products.

June 27, 1959, by invitation, 175 members of Garfield and McKinley Lodges visited with Wor. Bro. Merritt Metz and his wife at their farm, "Green Acres". Several charcoal grills were set up and a picnic was enjoyed by everyone. Wor. Bro. Metz was the Senior Warden of Garfield Lodge in 1919 and became the first Worshipful Master of McKinley Lodge, Under Dispensation, when it organized, also in 1919.

June of 1959 was one of the most active months in the history of McKinley Lodge. Bro. Clarence Covault was Junior Warden in 1959, and had his hands full arranging all the work and visitations that year.

In August, Wor. Bro. Harold B. Jackson announced the purchase of eight new books for our Library. Among these books was "The Pocket History of Freemasonry" and "Territorial Masonry." Those volummes are still in our Library.

"Old Timers Night" was held on September 29, 1959, when the MM degree was conferred on Arthur Peter Langendorff by the "Old Timers" in the Lodge.

Taking part in the degree work that night were:

The First Section	Second Section
W.M. Merritt D. Metz, P.M.	K.S. James G.Handley, P.M.
S.W. Thomas J. Martinson, P.M.	K.H. John Foudrey, P.M.
J.W. Gordie H. Cauble, P.M.	1-c Leroy C. McCullum, P.M.
S.D. Durbin G. Brown, P.M.	2-c Oscar F. Weil, P.M.
J.D. Issiedore B. Clark, P.M.	3-c Charles A. Bounds, P.M.
S.S Frank Heichel	S.D. Floyd K. Gwinner, P.M.
J.S. George Abbey	J.D. Issiedore B. Clark, P.M.
Chap Cecil F. Lindsey, P.M.	S.S. Frank Heichel
Organ Curtis Brunsdon	J.S. George Abbey
	Sec'y. Frank Ambler
	W.M I.J. Rogers
	1-T William G. Henry
	2-T Thomas E. Nelson
	3-T Edward Evans

There were 88 members and 16 visitors present.

The Lodge secretary wrote the Grand Master for permission to present the 50 Year Award of Gold to Bro. Frank Earl Stolte at the October 13, 1959 Stated Meeting.

On October 15, 1959, McKinley Lodge made a visit, by invitation and with

proper Dispensation, to Kilwinning Lodge No.149, F.& A.M., in Plymouth, Indiana. We conferred the MM Degree on our candidate John McWilliams, Jr. The cost of the bus to Plymouth was $80.00. This writer has no knowledge of the number of members who made the trip to Plymouth that Thursday night.

Twenty-five Year Award Presentations were made on November 17, 1959 to seven who had become eligible in 1958 and to nineteen who became eligible for the award in 1959. For some reason the presentation ceremonies due in 1958 had been overlooked.

In 1959, McKinley Lodge Initiated 35, Passed 41 to the Degree of Fellowcraft and Raised the following 40 to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

Ray Dean Owen
Thomas Edward Cosgrove
Raymond Eugene Lucht
Verlyn Rex Bradley
Otho Woolsey
Albert Schischka
Thomas Alexander Rhind
Robert Ollice Robbins
Paul Darmoc
Walter Hans Schweitzer
Wasson Jesse Wilson
Robert James Van Stright
Ralph Louis Blue
Clifford Lee Jackson
Claudie Strode
Mitchel Pazdur
Jack Hugh Hayden
Donald Lawrence Bradley
Arthur George Tibbits
Herman Henry Youngjohn
Harry Dennis Robinson
Bobbie Horace Haire
Lloyd Hugh Sluyter
Harry Bernard Frazier
Donald Sinclair Powers
George Junior Bellamy
Ivan Clay Howard
Charles Anthony Heim
Harry L. Withrow (Raised as a courtesy by Milford, Ohio # 54)
Rudolph Leo Dillman
Gilford Dwight Koch
Carl Martin Kahn
Arthur Peter Langendorff
Silas Albert Bennett
Dallas Eugene Gilreath
Richard Bryant Humphrey
David Newman Evans (Raised as a courtesy by Kilwinning #149)
John McWilliams, Jr.
Larry Allen Mac Donald
Elmer F. Klootwyk

The following Affilliated with McKinley in 1959:

Thomas Petso
Cornelius Westerhoff, Sr.
Marshall Lauris Severson
Arthur M. Sluyter

Two were restored to membership in 1959:
Ervin Fran Imhoff
Harvey Junior Potts

There were 29 who had their dues remitted for 1959. Among them were seven fifty-year members.

Eleven members demitted in 1959. ("T" = Transferred)

Benjamin D. Shipley (T)
Ronald Earl Hill (T)
Donald James Powell (T)
James Howard Hunley (T)
Gail Frederick Mack (T)
Rowland Henry Hodge
Howard Eugene Cotner (T)
Thomas Weldon Bond (T)
Bruno Ronald Snowe (T)
Max Matheaus Fischer (T)
Alton B. Storer

Eight members were suspended for nonpayment of dues.

Twenty-one members died in 1959: (* = Masonic Funeral Service)

Ralph Gaedtke*
Clifford F. Butzloff*
Henry Vis
Byron L. Anderson
Richard F. Hoyt* (By #283, St. Petersburg, Florida)
Vern Atkinson*
James R. Scott*
Charles Brookey Matthews
William Maurice Kelly
Renus Elman*
Harold J. Evans*
Dan Joshua Brown
Elton H. Taylor*
Carl F. Thielman
Russell W. Kretch
Danny Wilson*
Walter K. Coil*
Louis Nathaniel Karras
Gilbert Thomas Neil*
Rueben Miller Lamb, P.M.

***** 1960 *****

The Annual Public Installation of the Officers of McKinley Lodges for 1960 was held on Saturday, December 19, 1959, in McKinley's Lodge Room. This was the first time in many years that McKinley and Garfield did not jointly hold their Installation Ceremony.

The Installing Master was Wor. Bro. Harold B. Jackson, 33rd, Degree and a Past Master of McKinley Lodge. The Installing Marshal was Wor. Bro. Thomas J. Martinson, P.M., the Installing Chaplain was Wor. Bro. Allen Domke, P.M., the Installing Secretary was Wor. Bro. Floyd K. Gwinner, P.M., and the Master of Ceremonies was Wor. Bro. Cecil F. Lindsey, P.M. All were Past Masters of McKinley Lodge. The Actual Past Masters Degree was conferred by the Past Masters Association on the Master Elect on December 10, 1959, as is required by Masonic Law before a Master Elect may be Installed as Worshipful Master.

The McKinley Officers Installed for 1960 are as follows:

W.M. Gordon W. Turner
S.W. Clarence R. Covault
J.W. J. Harold Cox
Treas. J. Lloyd Crooks, P.M.
Sec'y. Frank A. Ambler
Tyler Thomas E. Nelson
S.D. Orval A. Fleener
J.D. Martin Kaufman
S.S. John Plain
J.S. Frazier F. Andrews
Chap. Leroy C. McCullum, P.M.
Organ George Hrehor

A bill for $278.45 to Bodie Photographer was passed at the January 12, 1960 Stated Meeting, in payment for a picture of our first Master, Merritt D. Metz. A bill for #300.00 was also passed for a Past Master's Jewel for the 1959 Master, George Malcolm.

On the 26th of January 1960, the Grand Lodge Fifty-year Award of Gold was presented to McKinley Brother George Washington Bellamy, by Grand Senior Warden Harold S. Jackson acting for the Grand Master.

At the February 9, 1960 Stated Meeting, our Wor. Bro. Harold B. Jackson, who was the Grand representative of Nebraska, near the Grand Lodge of Indiana, was authorized at McKinley expense, to attend Grand Lodge with the Master, Wardens and Secretary.

February 18, 1960, Garfield Lodge visited McKinley and under the direction of their Historian, George Pokas, presented a Masonic Play entitled, "To Entertain Strangers". There were twenty McKinley members and twenty-nine visitors present to see the play.

The annual Wardens Night for the Lodges in Lake County, was held in Whiting Lodge on April 23, 1960. The previous night was at the April 12, 1960 Stated Meeting, and the petition of Gus Rizos was read. Gus has been most helpful in securing bids and advising on the printing and binding of this History. As this is being written, the cost of printing and binding is quite heavy and escalating weekly. This writer is concerned about these costs and will be devastated if the Lodge should suffer any financial loss over this History. He can only hope this History will be well received and enough copies purchased by McKinley Members to defray the printing and binding costs.

The MBA Budget and their 1959 Financial Reports were read at the May 1960 Stated Meeting. There were 618 meetings held in the Temple in 1959 and $35,000.00 of Shrine Circus money was earmarked for the operational costs of the Temple. These costs included a new nine-passenger elevator to be installed and ready for use by September 1, 1960. Receipts of $47,719.99 added to the Balance Brought Forward from 1958 gave a total of $53,332.84. Disbursements totaled $47,719.99 leaving a Balance on Hand of $5,519.60. Total MBA Assets were $305,216.39 including $211,825.00 in common stock. The Net Worth of the Masonic Building Association was listed as $93,391.39. The report was written over the signature of Walter A. McNary, Vice President

of the MBA.

A letter from Wor. Bro. Harold B. Jackson expressed appreciation for the banquet given for Floyd K. Gwinner and himself. This had to do with the elevation of Wor. Bro. Floyd K. Gwinner to a Knight of the York Cross of Honor and Wor. Bro. Harold B. Jackson to the 33rd Degree.

A letter from the Grand Secretary was read at the July 1960 Stated Meeting, thanking McKinley members for the donation of $1,444.55 to the Hospital at the Masonic Home. The petition of Carl Wayne Cox was also read at this meeting. C.Wayne Cox became Master of McKinley Lodge in 1970.

In August, a Dispensation was received enabling McKinley to travel to Sault St. Marie, Ontario, Canada on September 3, 1960 and Exemplify the MM Degree, Indiana Style. A bill for $50.85 was approved at the September 1960 Stated Meeting, for Worshipful Master Gordon Turner "for expenses on Sault St. Marie Trip."

Several McKinley members drove their cars to Sault St. Marie. Unfortunately, those still around who made the trip can not remember McKinley's "Exemplar" for the MM Degree. Wor. Bros. William G. Henry and Clarence Covault do remember the trip and that all had a wonderful time.

A letter of appreciation from Algoma Lodge No. 469 A.F.& A.M., Sault St. Marie, Ontario, Canada was read at the October 11, 1960 Stated Meeting. The letter was in appreciation for an Alter Bible that had been presented to the Canadian Lodge by McKinley Lodge during the visitation on September 3, 1960.

A recommendation, put in the form of a motion, was seconded and passed at the November 1960 Stated Meeting, stating "the widow Pauline Robbins, of our late Brother William C. Robbins, be admitted to the Indiana Masonic Home." The recommendation was mailed to the Director of the Home.

It was at the December 13, 1960 Stated Meeting, the petition of James Edwin McNabney was read along with four others. It was interesting to this writer that James Edwin, like his older brother Bill, was recommended by Wor. Bro. Charles A. Bounds and Brother Thomas E. Nelson. Jim became Master of McKinley in 1987, and was primarily responsible for resurrecting the Willis R. Ford Chapter of DeMolay with McKinley Lodge as the new sponsor.

During 1960 McKinley Lodge Initiated 44, Passed 42 to the Degree of Fellowcraft, and Raised the following 33 to the Sublime degree of Master Mason:

Albert W. Pike
Clyde Stewart Clevaland
Gary Allen Farn
William Emory McKee

Raymond Sanders
William Adelbert Cheesbrough
John D. Hamilton
Robert Gordon Hasek
Clyde Donald Martin
Donald Ralph Nelson
Dennis Ray Halfacre
Gordon Henry Rundle
Robert Neil McKetchnie
Hershel Eugene Rusher
Oscar Newton Alsip
Orsborn J. Pierce
David Merle Black
Robert Dean Kindle
William Henry Schneider
James Michael Vallas
Carl Lloyd Patterson
Herbert Edgehill Etter
Richard Chester Shindle
Irvin Leppoe Bitting
Walter Marlow Kelly
William Hudson
Earl J. Neighbors
John Robert Hanberry
Raymond Cassidy, Jr.
Lloyd Franklin Hawkins
Carl Wayne Cox*(WM 1970)
Wilber Leo Rogge
Guy L. Longley (By Venice Lodge # 301, Venice, Fl., as a courtesy to McKinley Lodge)

There were two who Affiliated with McKinley in 1960.
Hilbert J. Berger
Henry Joseph Mayda

Four were Restored to membership.
Clarence Richard Dillon
Forrest Niles Livingston
Kenneth John Deering
Robert Frederick Kintz

The dues for 28 members were remitted for 1960.

George Santifer Hollis Demitted in 1960 (Transfered to Riverside Lodge # 135, Jefferson, Maine)
Russell Albray Clark and Lester Eugene Hallgren also Demitted.

There were eight suspended for nonpayment of dues in 1960.

The following 19 members died during 1960:

Lowell Maymand Darling*
Paul Voreacos*
Frank S. Weber
William H. Freeman* (Courtesy by Miami #67, Peru, Indiana)
Melvin A. Monnett*
Jesse Omar Stinson
LeRoy De Chantel*
Clay Berton Beaman*
Morris F. Crooks
Anthony Larson
Donald Louis McRight*
Harry Frederick Nimon
William Tamm*
Garet Elman
Verlyn Rex Bradley
Arthur Charles Warner*
William C. Gruener*
William Zorbas
William B. Harmon

***** 1961 *****

The Installation of McKinley Officers for 1961 was held Tuesday, December 27, 1960. The Installing Master was Wor. Bro. Harold B. Jackson, P.M., the Installing Marshall was Wor. Bro. Issiedore B. Clark, P.M., the Installing Secretary was Wor. Bro. Floyd K. Gwinner, P.M., the Installing Chaplain was Wor. Bro. Allen M. Domke, P.M., the Master of Ceremonies was the Reverend Brother Archie Mackey. The Organist was Mrs. Gladys Schneidwind and the Vocalist was Mrs. Gwendolyn Delp Fenstermaker. These talented women were members of the First Christian Church in Hammond and associated with the excellent music program of the church.

The Officers Installed for 1961:

W.M. Clarence R. Covault
S.W. J. Harold Cox
J.W. Orval A. Fleener
Treas. J. Lloyd Crooks, P.M.
Sec'y. Frank A. Ambler
Tyler Thomas E. Nelson
S.D. Martin Kaufman
J.D. John F. Plain
S.S. Frazier F. Andrews
J.S. John L. Gwyn
Chap. Leroy C. McCullum, P.M.
Organ George Hrehor

At this point in the research for this book (March 2, 1993), this writer received from Brother Owen W. DeRolf, copies of all the "Square and Compass", magazines published from October 1958 through January 1991. Since this writer had an article covering the activities of Hammond Chapter #117 Royal Arch Masons in every issue from May 1960 through December 1961, it was with fear and trepidation to read again what he wrote over 33 years ago. Looking back, the articles were not too bad.

These copies, given by Brother DeRolf, are of great value in the continuing research for the writing of this history.

January 3, 1961, the Lodge was convened at a Called Meeting for a Masonic Funeral for William B. Harmon, a Brother of McKinley Lodge. It was a sad note on which to start the year but Worshipful Master Clarence Covault soon turned the sadness around with into a lot of activity.

The January 10, 1961 Stated Meeting, brought out fifty members and seven visitors. The petition of John Obediah White was read. John O. White in 1976, the Centennial Year of the United States, became Worshipful Master of McKinley Lodge.

A donation of $25.00 was given to the DeMolay that night and a bill for the Christmas Party for $37.18 was presented and passed. The annual Christmas Party was still going strong.

On the night of January 31, 1961, Senior Warden J. Harold Cox presided in the East on the MM Degree in which his son, C.Wayne Cox was Raised. It is always an emotional time when a father can participate to that extent in conferring the Master Mason Degree on his son.

In February of 1961, McKinley paid its Grand Lodge Dues of $6,536.10 and sent in a donation of $605.00 for the Masonic Home Hospital Fund.

On February 28, 1961, McKinley traveled to Kentland, Indiana to participate in conferring the MM Degree on the son-in-law of Past grand Master Newell A. Lamb, an Honorary Member of McKinley Lodge. Past Grand Master Lamb presided in the East in both sections of the degree conferred on Paul Linn, Jr. Present for the degree were 110 Master Masons representing 18 Lodges plus many members and seven Past Masters of McKinley Lodge. They all traveled by car and had a wonderful evening.

At the March 14, 1961 Stated Meeting, a communication from Bloomington Lodge No. 22, F.& A.M., was read indicating they had conferred the Fellowcraft Degree on James Edwin McNabney, on March 1, 1961, as a courtesy to McKinley Lodge.

Also, at the March 14, 1961 Stated Meeting, Wor. Bro. Leroy C. McCullum presented the Lodge with a set of "Mackey's History of Masonry" donated by Bro. Walter E. Jordan.

April 6, 1961, the Lodge paid a visit to Henry H. Culver Lodge No. 617, F. & A.M., in Culver, Indiana. Forty-five McKinley members made the auto trip. The Worshipful Master of Culver Lodge, Harold Fitterling, was the brother-in-law of McKinley member Russell M. Foss. McKinley Lodge had received and accepted an invitation to visit the Culver Lodge. Russell M. Foss later (1968) became Master of McKinley Lodge. The McKinley candidate Raised that night was George Samuel Arnold. The record of this event was found in the Annual Report to the Grand Lodge for 1961. It does not appear in the minutes of McKinley Lodge.

It was Saturday, April 22, 1961, that five McKinley candidates were Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. One of them was James Edwin McNabney who had the rare privilege of having his brother William F. McNabney, preside in the East in the First Section of the Degree and his father, Bland T. McNabney, preside in the East for the Second section of the Master Mason Degree. It was indeed an emotional experience for everyone present. A dinner and entertainment followed the Degree work, but the poor memory of this writer will not permit a recollection of any entertainment that

evening. The McNabneys' had probably entertained everyone enough for one day. This writer will always be grateful to the Master for the permission granted his father and himself to take such an active part in conferring the MM Degree on Brother Jim McNabney.

The May, 1961 Stated Meeting, brought the sad duty of having to vote to suspend members for nonpayment of dues. Every effort is made to insure that the delinquent Brothers are not in severe economic hardship before the second certified notice is sent and the vote for suspension taken.

Among the three petitions read at the June 13, 1961 Stated Meeting, was one from Audrian Garner Burroughs. "Abe" Burroughs is, to this point in the writing of this History, the only McKinley member to serve twice as Worshipful Master. His years as Master were nonconsecutive i.e., 1974 and 1990.

Once again, McKinley ask Garfield Lodge for assistance and once again they were willing to help. Garfield Lodge conferred the EA and the FC Degree at our request, on our candidate Jerry Elliot Hendrix in order to accommodate him due to his work schedule.

The petition of Robert Eugene Franks was read at the August 8, 1961 Stated Meeting. Bob Franks became Master of McKinley Lodge in 1972 and until his health failed he was a tireless worker for McKinley Lodge.

At the September 12, 1961 Stated Meeting, $50.00 was voted to the Masonic Home in memory of Mary Shull who had presided over the kitchen for our refreshments for many years. Bro. Charles Shull was voted to Honorary Membership in McKinley Lodge. Twenty-five dollars was voted to the Masonic Home in the name of Brother Hugo V. Webb in lieu of flowers for his funeral.

On October 19, 1961, there was a Craft Dinner. Race Driver Tony Benttenhousen was to have been the speaker but while testing a race car for a friend on the Indianapolis "500" Track, the car crashed and Tony was killed. In spite of the tragedy the dinner was held with the theme "What Greater Good Than To Give Your Life Helping A Friend."

A bill for $181.20 was presented and passed at the November 14, 1961 Stated Meeting, to pay the Dorchester Club for an Officers Dinner with the Grand Lecturer. The dinner was held just before our Inspection and the Grand Lecturer advised the Officers of the new changes in the Masonic Regulations.

A high point of the year was the Past Masters Dinner held on November 25, 1961. It was at this dinner that the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Harold S. Jackson presented the Fifty-year Grand Lodge Award of Gold, to the First

Master of McKinley Lodge, Wor. Bro. Merritt D. Metz. The cost of the tickets was only $2.00 per person. A donation of $25.00 was presented to the Grand Master who in turn gave it to the Masonic Home.

The Actual Past Masters Degree was conferred on the newly elected Masters of McKinley and Garfield Lodges on December 14, 1961 in the presence of 21 Past Masters from the two Lodges.

McKinley's annual Christmas Party was held the next week on December 21. During 1961, McKinley Lodge Initiated 28, Passed 30 to the Degree of Fellowcraft, and Raised the following 36 to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

Andrew Poloney, Sr.
Emery Thomas Chandler
Sam Griffin Taylor
Arvid Roy Ehlers
Steve Roman
Louis Szekely, Sr.
James Henry Fraker
James Edwin McNabney*(WM 1987)
Virgil E. Fauser
Larry Lee Threet
John Obediah White*(WM 1976)
Joe Willard Beshears
James Elsworth Lancaster
Gus Rizos
Edwin Russell Hawkins
David Joel Reeves
Guy Wesley Potter, Jr.
Audrian Garner Burroughs* * (WM 1974 & 1990)
Marshall Ensley Walters
Donald Lee Phillips
Atha Lee Cheek
Ralph Mathew Ewert
Donalf Frederick Grady
Theodore Waite Comstock
Richard Vernon Ludders
George Samuel Arnold
George Wade Kelly
Robert Gerald Weist
Ernest Jay Summers
Richard Wayne Shultz
Louis Clayton Garmany
Henry Jpseph Mayda
Robert Earl Krudup
Robert Buhring Kronsell
William Albert Fentress
Robert Eugene Franks*(WM 1972)

Claude Roy Heckman was restored to membership following his payment of delinquent dues.

David Emmett Drury, from Milford Ohio Lodge No 54, Bruce Williams, Jr. from Newton Lodge No. 361 in Kentland, Indiana, and Richard Kenneth Dibble Affiliated with McKinley in 1961.

Dues were remitted for 20 members, including 9 Fifty-year Members.

The following nine Demitted in 1961:

Daniel Franklin Mears (T)
Gerald Michael Wagner (T)
Charles Houston (T)
Russell Albray Clark (T)
Jonnie Allan Houser (T)
Harold Malcolm Daum

Charles A. Mattingly (T)
Joseph Andrew Manchek
Guy B. Longley (T)

Seven were suspended for nonpayment of dues.

Twenty-one members died in 1961.

William B. Harmon*
Charles B. Hester
Marcus H. Rogers*
Charles William Lehman
Theotus M. Wilkinson*
Howard Chapman*
Frank Wilson
Eben Newton Bunnell*
Aubrey Franklin Morey*
Jesse Lee Hankins*
Burton John Steelman
Theodore R. Grady*
William H. Collett*
Max R. Wainwright
William Mettler
Frank Shanda*
Homar Alba Brown*
Hugo Van Webb
Donald Edward Moran*

***** 1962 *****

The Annual Public Installation of the Officers for 1962 was held Saturday, December 16, 1961. The Installing Master was Wor. Bro. Ralph Havling. The Installing Marshall was Wor. Bro. Durbin G. Brown, The Installing Chaplain was Wor. Bro. Cecil F. Lindsey, The Installing Secretary was Wor. Bro. Floyd K. Gwinner. The Master of Ceremonies was Wor. Bro. Harold B. Jackson and the Installing Organist was Wor. Bro. H. Oliver Norton, of Garfield Lodge.

The 1962 Officers Installed were:

W.M. J. Harold Cox
S.W. Orval A. Fleener
J.W. Martin Kaufman
Treas. J. Lloyd Crooks, P.M.
Sec'y. Frank A. Ambler
Tyler Thomas E. Nelson
S.D. John F. Plain
J.D. Fraizer F. Andrews
S.S. John L. Gwyn
J.S. Russell M. Foss
Chap. Leroy C. McCullum, P.M.
Organ George Hrehor

February 22, 1962 the McKinley Officers dressed in authentic costumes of the Colonial Period, conferred the MM Degree on Robert John Kennedy. This writer believes there are still pictures of that evening around somewhere.

One of the more difficult things ever to happen in McKinley Lodge occurred on February 27, 1962, when a Masonic Trial was held on a member charged with Un-Masonic Conduct. Wor. Bro. Cecil Lindsey was appointed Counsel for the Defense and agreeable to the Blue Book Regulations, was required to enter a plea of Not Guilty. The accused did not appear for the trail although

proper notice by certified mail had been sent and received.

Wor. Bro. Harold B. Jackson was appointed Counsel (Prosecutor) for McKinley Lodge and read the transcript of the Trial that had been held in the Criminal Court of Hammond. The accused had been found guilty as charged in the Hammond Criminal Court.

Every Masonic Right was accorded the accused throughout the Masonic Trial. The Secret Ballot of the members present was spread, and the vote affirmed the Expulsion. The Ballot was then destroyed. Out of well over a thousand members in McKinley Lodge, this was only the second time in its history that such a trial was required. The entire membership is hurt when this happens but the Fraternity is in every way, obedient to the Civil Magistrates and Laws.

March 6, 1962, McKinley hosted a Father and Daughter Banquet for the Job's Daughter's of Bethel No. 14. This was the first of many for McKinley Lodge.

The Annual Warden's Night for Lake County Lodges was held at East Chicago Lodge No. 595, F.& A.M., on April 18, 1962, and several of McKinley's Officers were present and took part in the conferring of the MM Degree.

June 21, 1962, McKinley held an "Open Meeting" for the members and families of McKinley Lodge. Over 150 were treated to a presentation by Sec'y, Frank Ambler and his wife of colored slides of their trip to Egypt, Jordan, Israel and Greece. A film on the "Holy Land" was also shown.

A Memorial Service was held on August 8, 1962, for Bro. Joseph Thomas Otto, one of our very few remaining Charter Members.

One of the purposes of this History of McKinley Lodge, is to perpetuate the memory of our members in the archives of the Public Libraries in the City, County, State and the Library of Congress, as a Memorial that each was made a Mason in McKinley Lodge in Indiana.

Past Master's Night, October 6, 1962, was an outstanding success. Over two hundred Master Masons and their wives attended. Past Master's present were:

1919 Merritt D. Metz
1924 Charles A. Bounds
1931 Leroy C. McCullum
1936 C. Vincent McCarty
1939 James G. Handley
1941 Gordie H. Cauble
1945 Albert F. Schultz
1946 John E. Foudray
1947 Durbin G. Brown
1950 Cecil F. Lindsey
1951 Floyd K. Gwinner
1952 J. Lloyd Crooks
1954 Issiedore B. Clark
1957 C. William Chanseler
1958 Allen M. Domke
1959 George W. Malcolm

A beautiful memorial service honoring the following deceased McKinley Past Masters was given by the Rev. Bro. Hilbert J. Berger.

Deceased Past Masters Honored:

1920 Harry W. Margenau
1921 John C. Kennedy
1923 Frank Greatbatch
1929 John C. Hathaway
1930 Howard R. Oltz
1932 James Budge
1933 Walter Bielfeld
1935 Arthur O. Thornton
1938 Reuben M. Lamb
1942 Fred Doyle
1953 David W. Beach

The memorial was followed by an address by Bro. Samuel K. Zipp, Chairman of the Scottish Rite Speakers Bureau. All-in-all, a beautiful evening.

At the October 10, 1962 Stated Meeting, a communication from the MW Grand Master was read requiring all Lodges to hold a Table Lodge in observance of St. John's Day, December, 27, 1962.

A "Social Meeting" was held October 18, 1962, honored the Willis R. Ford Chapter of DeMolay under the leadership of Advisor Bro. Fred Hopper and DeMolay Dad, Bro. Harry Withrow. The young men in DeMolay exemplified the DeMolay Degree in excellent fashion. This was also a first for McKinley Lodge.

McKinley paid a visit to Judson Lodge No. 518, in Judson, Indiana on October 20, 1962. We conferred the MM Degree on McKinley candidate David H. Westerhoff. Judson, Indiana was the hometown of our Past Master and Treasurer, Wor. Bro. J. Lloyd Crooks. Members of his family continued to be very active in Masonic work in Judson.

Another milestone for McKinley was the Testimonial Dinner honoring McKinley Lodge Brother Dr. Eli Stanley Jones. Dr. Jones was known in Hammond as an outstanding physician and the founder of the Jones Clinic. He was an Indiana University Medical School Graduate, had earned his athletic "I" letter in football as an undergraduate, and had been "Chief Surgeon" for 31 years at St. Margaret Hospital in Hammond. Dr. Jones had just been elected to the 33rd Degree and the presentation of the elevation was made by Past Grand Master Theodore Jena, also a 33rd Degree Mason and Commander in Chief of the Scottish Rite in South Bend. Past Grand Chaplain, the Rev. Bro. Robert Hall delivered a fine address to the over 400 who were present in the ballroom of the Hammond Temple that night. The address was entitled "Guard Your Heritage."

Twenty-five Year Pins were awarded to 19 members Tuesday, December 4, 1962. The Annual Christmas Party was held on December 7, 1962. There were 42 adults and 41 children present. (It was closer to 83 children present

and no adults)

In 1962, McKinley Lodge Initiated 29, Passed 26 to the Degree of Fellowcraft and Raised the following 29 to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

Robert Clinton Lahey
James Edward Morse
Oscar Walton Clements
Fred Lacy Ball
Thomas Eugene Nelson, Jr.
David Kilgore
Frank Charles Ramsey
Andres Ellett Thomas Ivey, Jr.
Norman J. Hansman
John Abderhaman Murad, Jr.
Raymond Cook
Adrian J. Rich
Charles Daniel Balser
John Edward Bowles
Heino Albert Luhr
Robert Henry Stanners
John Robert Kennedy
David Sanford Southard
Eugene Bernard Iliff
Clifford Thomas Morrison
Everett William Irby, Jr.
William Cecil Taylor
Bobby G. Perry
Raymond Allen Stephenson
Kenneth C. Trimble
Billy Jack Smith
David Herman Westerhoff
Charles Gale May
Richard Curtis Clement

There were seven who affiliated with McKinley in 1962:

Paul Thornton Duncanson
Vernon Heind Luhr
Leon Theodore Williams
Kenneth Wendell Merrill
Arthur Jackson Dillon
John Douglas James

Dues were remitted for ninteen members, ten were fifty year members and nine were distressed worthy Brothers.

The following demitted in 1962:

Donald Lawrence Bradley
Walter Harold Morris (T)
Herman Dixon
Guy Francis Turley (T)
Herman Henry Youngjohn (T)
Joseph Harold Hoadley
Ebert Isaac Riegle (T)
Charleds Frank Darling (T)

There were four additional Demits, all were Entered Apprentice Demits.

There were seven suspended for nonpayment of dues and there was one expulsion.

The following members died in 1962:

Elmer Ellsworth Randell
Homer Joe Johnson*
Marion Jeane Lynch*
John Steven Harvath*
Wilbur E. Knight * (By Bell Lodge #483, Bell, California)
Cornelius Westerhoff, Sr.*
Victor Edwin Greenland*
Lloyd Alvin Best*
Joseph Thomas Otto*

Donald Elvis Thrasher*
Scott Overton Pool*
Samuel Sambrookes, Jr.*
John William Smith
Edward F. Clark*
Eugene Arthur Davis*
Kenneth Hugo Schwingendorff

***** 1963 *****

The required Actual Past Masters Degree conferred on the newly elected Masters of McKinley and Garfield Lodges on December 13, 1962. The Installation of McKinley Officers for 1963 was held on December 22, 1962. The Installing Master was C. William Chansler, P.M., the Installing Marshal was Allen M. Domke, P.M., the Installing Secretary was Harold B. Jackson, P.M., the Installing Chaplain was Cecil F. Lindsey, P.M., and the Master of Ceremonies was Floyd K. Gwinner, P.M., all of McKinley Lodge.

The Officers Installed for 1963 were:

W.M. Orval A. Fleener
S.W. Martin Kaufman
J.W. John F. Plain
Treas. J. Lloyd Crooks, P.M.
Sec'y. Frank A. Ambler
Tyler Thomas E. Nelson, Sr.
S.D. Frazier F. Andrews
J.D. John L. Gwyn
S.S. Russell M. Foss
J.S. Haskell A. Sullivan
Chap. Leroy C. McCullum, P.M.
Organ George Hrehor

McKinley Brother Lawrence Alan Lundgren, a personal friend and fellow teacher at Hammond High School, rendered two vocal solos for the Installation.

The February 12, 1963 Stated Meeting, brought a Joint Communication from the four Gary Lodges requesting approval of "Joint Jurisdiction" for all of Lake County, Indiana. The request was taken under advisement. The Sec'y. read a bill from the Masonic Building Association of the Temple for McKinley's share of the estimated budget for 1962, in the amount of $6,539.50.

A communication from Bro. Haskell Sullivan was his resignation from the Office of Junior Steward because of a recent health condition. If this writer remembers correctly, "Hack" had a heart attack about this time.

Wor. Master Orval A. Fleener therefore appointed Brother William Goodson Henry to the Office of Junior Steward. He was Installed forthwith by Wor. Bro. C. William Chansler serving as Installing Master, Wor. Bro. Allen Domke, serving as Installing Marshall, and Wor. Bro. Floyd K. Gwinner acting as Installing Chaplain.

During the March 12, 1963 Stated Meeting, the Lodge authorized the expenses of Wor. Bro. Harold B. Jackson, 33rd Degree, who was Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nevada, near the Grand Lodge of Indiana, to attend the Indiana Grand Lodge Communication in May of 1963. The Lodge also authorized the expenses to Grand Lodge for the principal Officers of the Lodge. For the many years this writer served as the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, near the Grand Lodge of Indiana, but no expenses to attend Grand Lodge were authorized. Times have changed. This is easily understood for from 1984 through 1992, the period served, McKinley didn't have the money and this writer did not express an interest in attending.

Throughout this History, the writer has omitted mention of many Masonic Memorial Funeral Services given as a courtesy to other Lodges for their members who died while residing in Hammond or the Calumet Area. There were many such Services and the Lodge always received a "Thank You" letter from not only the family of the deceased Brother, but also from his home Lodge. There were two such services conducted in April of 1963.

At the April 9, 1963 Stated Meeting, the petition of Nachenzio Zaffore was read for the third time. This writer knew "Duke" Zaffore very well for "Duke" was the head custodian at Hammond High School and never was there a more diligent and dedicated worker. It was an honor to be a signer on his petition. Duke became an outstanding Mason, a loyal participating member in all the Masonic Bodies, and in the Arab Patrol of Orak Shrine.

In writing the History of Hammond High School, the worst thing that could have happened, did happen. This writer somehow omitted mentioning Duke in the book and will never forgive himself for the error of omission. As Duke is now in that "Grand Lodge Above," It is hope he will see no such error of omission occurring in this volume.

McKinley's share of the MBA Budget for 1963 was $5,480.00 and the bill was approved during the May, 1963 Stated Meeting. Also, in May 1963, a presentation to the Lodge of a four volume set of "The History of Masonry" was made through a Russell Cadman of Calumet City. No one seems to know if he was a Brother Mason.

A $2.00 per month "spending money" was authorized to Mrs. Pauline Robbins, the widow of a deceased McKinley Brother, and a resident of the Indiana Masonic Home.

June 20, 1963, St. Andrews Exemplar Lodge No. 966, A.F.& A.M., of Chicago, paid a visit to McKinley and conferred the MM Degree, Illinois style on their candidate. McKinley returned the visit September 27, 1963. They traveled to St. Andrews Exemplar Lodge via Chicago and Calumet District Transit Company Bus at a cost to the Lodge of $50.45. The Annual Report to Grand

Lodge show that a Daniel Joseph Kish was Raised on September 27, 1963, so he had to be McKinley's candidate. The minutes of McKinley Lodge make no mention of his name or that he was Raised during this period of time.

October 12, 1963 was Past Master's Night. Nineteen McKinley Past Masters attended. The speaker for the evening was Grand Chaplain, Reverend Robert Hall, 33rd Degree who was Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Indiana. He held that post for three years because he was an excellent speaker. Dinner music was provided by Paul O'Brien and Blake Travis and a beautiful tribute was given honoring our deceased Past Masters.

November 14, 1963, a Craft Dinner was held and the following Saturday the Craft was given a lot of work. They rose to the occasion and conferred the MM Degree on four candidates.

The Actual Past Masters Degree was conferred on newly elected Master, Martin Kaufman December 11, 1963 and McKinley's Christmas Party was held two days later.

During 1963, McKinley Lodge Initiated 30, Passed 30 to the Degree of Fellowcraft and Raised the following 29 to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

Roy Carl Koch
Kenneth Paul Coover
Charles Missal
Donald Eugene Stech
Arthur Melville Pearson
James Edward Wells
Donald Eugene White
Badhia David Mohmed
John Henry Petkey
Nachenzio "Duke" Zaffore
John Milton Campbell
Wilbur Lee Clavier
Norman B. Mallette
Charles William Hudson, Jr.
Arthur Alan Hart
Lloyd Delbert Arons
Arthur Wenner
Norman Mel Hanson
Gary Neil Bennett
Len George Hedinger
Henry Haisler
Robert Roy Fraza
Daniel Joseph Kish
Clarence Edward Wagonblast
Kenneth Charles LaBorde
Robert W. Foster, Jr.
William D. Pepler
Donald Edward Goins
Willard O'Neal Littlejohn

Those who affiliated with McKinley in 1963 were:

Reynols James Dreggors
Leigh Roy McCrea
Stanley Earle Howe
James Albert Hampton
Nelson Miller Warntz
John Douglas James

Two were Restored to membership.

Henry Earle Leistikow Myron Dewey Davis

There were eleven for whom the dues were remitted due to hardship, and seven 50 Year Members also had their dues remitted.

Demits were granted to:
Charles Everette Hopkins (T) Cecil Clayton Matthews
Clayton Atlee Ready

Eleven were suspended for non payment of dues.

The following twenty-one members died in 1963:

Charles Austin Chandler* Melton Foster Stoehr *
Raymond Vernon Newnum* (By the Masonic Relief Board San Diago)
Fred Hargot Taylor, Sr. Carl Warren Gentry
Martin Luther DeLong* Berson Stanley Evert*
Albert Fred Schultz * Herbert Wellman Detrick
Fred W. Muth* Barnie Wilson
Harry James Walker Henry Mueller*
Charles O. Schonert Victor Ray Collins
Charles E. Nicholson George L. Braman*
Edward George Wheeler Pleasant Roy Sarber
Willam Ferrell Pruce* Alan Charles Oltz*

****** 1964 *****

The Installation of the 1964 Officers was held Saturday, December 28, 1963. The McKinley Officers elected and appointed for 1964 were Installed by McKinley Past Masters as is the custom. The Master of Ceremonies was Wor. Bro. Allen M. Domke, the Coordinator was Wor. Bro. Floyd K. Gwinner, the Installing Master was Wor. Bro. J. Lloyd Crooks, the Installing Marshall was Wor. Bro. Issiedore B. Clark, the Installing Secretary was Wor. Bro. Harold B. Jackson, and the Installing Chaplain was Wor. Bro. Cecil F. Lindsey.

W.M. Martin Kaufman S.D. John L. Gwyn
S.W. John F. Plain J.D. Russell M. Foss
J.W. Frazier F. Andreews S.S. William G. Henry
Treas. J. Lloyd Crooks, P.M. J.S. C. Wayne Cox
Sec'y. Frank A. Ambler Chap. Leroy C. McCullum, P.M.
Tyler - - - - - Organ - - - - - - -

This writer is not sure what is meant by the phrase "Semi-public" Installation as it relates to the Installation of the 1964 Officers. At the time of the

Installation, McKinley Lodge did not have an Organist or a Tyler. Bro. Thomas E. Nelson agreed to be appointed as Tyler and was installed in February 1964. His Installing Master was Wor. Bro. J. Lloyd Crooks and the Installing Marshal was Wor. Bro. C. William Chansler. McKinley was still short an Organist.

Wor. Master Martin Kaufman scheduled a Free Family Theater Party for the night of March 18, 1964, at the Lans Movie Theater in Lansing, Illinois and a good time was had by everyone.

March 24, 1964, Whiting Lodge visited McKinley and the members of Whiting Lodge with the Union Carbide Company Degree team conferred the MM Degree in excellent fashion.

It was during 1964 that Bro. Russell M. Foss wrote the "McKinley Message" in the Square and Compass. He wrote interesting and informative with tidbits bits of information on Presidents who were Masons. He wrote on the derivation of the names of the months from the original Latin and many unusual articles. Each issue was an education in itself in addition to writing informative notes about the Lodge.

In May, a financial report of the MBA was submitted by President J. Clinn Ellyson showing assets of $305,186.25. He also showed Liabilities of MBA Stock in the amount of $211,825.00. This resulted in a Net Worth of $93,361.25 for the Temple that included all the Masonic and related Bodies in the Temple in 1964.

Saint John the Baptist Day was observed by McKinley Lodge at the First M.E. Methodist Church with the Reverend Eugene Balsley giving an excellent sermon on the two Saint Johns.

There were many times when Wor. Master Martin Kaufman would arrange for the Lodge to have a dinner before conferring the MM Degree. June 23, 1964 was one of those occasions. They were good attendance incentives.

The annual picnic was held Saturday, August 1, 1964, in Riverside Park under the supervision of Bro. William G. Henry. The highlight of the day was celebrating the birthday of Wor. Master Kaufman by singing Happy Birthday and cutting the cake made for the occasion.

McKinley received an invitation from Roosevelt Lodge No. 716. F.& A.M. in Gary to attend an outdoor degree to be held September 16, 1964. This has become an annual event sponsored by Roosevelt Lodge for the Lodges of Lake County.

A bus trip sponsored by McKinley Lodge to visit Judson Lodge No. 518 took place Saturday, October 3, 1964. The Lodge members did not get home till

early Sunday morning because the host Lodge kept bringing on the food and the McKinley members would not stop eating. The dinner was before to the evening work but after the work the tasty pies and cakes as refreshments and seemed endless. Our candidate was Frank E. Barnes.

At the October 13, 1964 Stated Meeting, the petition of Barry Lee McKnight was read. Barry became Worshipful Master of McKinley Lodge in 1986 and is our present Secretary. Barry has been a hard worker for McKinley Lodge, and served as Wor. Master in 1986. He also served as Grand Steward and Tyler of the Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana bringing further honor to himself and to McKinley Lodge. We have every reason to be proud of him as a Mason and a member of McKinley Lodge.

A dinner honoring McKinley Past Masters was held on the third floor Temple Dinning/Ballroom on October 17, 1964. The Reverend Brother Archie Mackie was the speaker of the evening and his subject was "Why This Confusion."

For the first time in McKinley's history, charges were brought against two Brothers for their failure to learn the lecture of the Master Mason Degree, as required, within a one year after obtaining the MM Degree. The date of January 12, 1965, was set for a hearing on the matter. No mention is made in the minutes regarding the outcome of this situation but it is presumed the Brothers got down to business and learned the lecture.

December was a busy month as usual for all Masonic Lodges. The Christmas Party was held Saturday, December 11, 1964, the Election and Appointment of Officers was completed at the Stated Meeting of December 8, 1964. The Actual Past Masters Degree was held December 10, 1964, the Installation on December 19, 1964, and a Table Lodge celebrating the feast of St. John, on December 28. Garfield Lodge acted as the Host Lodge for all three events.

Also, there were four Masonic Memorial Services in December of 1964, including a courtesy Service for another Lodge.

During 1964 McKinley Lodge Initiated 27, Passed 21 to the Degree of Fellowcraft and Raised the following 20 to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

Dennis Lee Myland
John William Allen, Jr.
Earl Arthur Anderson
Arthur George Fulte, Jr.
Wilbur Hugh Louderback
John Michael Kennedy
David William Joza
Fred Bastin, Jr.
Max Bert Joseph
Darrel Webster Dorris
Richard Rolla Fish
Joseph Verens Mathews
John Robert Eppl
Glen Edward Bilderbeck
Robert Thomas Allan
Frank E. Barnes
Ralph Allen Hornaday
Harold J. Cox

Walter D. Hovey George M. Anglin

Harold Carl Westphal, from Gary No. 677, and Vernon Martin Miles from Vinton Lodge No. 204, in Vinton, Virginia, Affiliated with McKinley in 1964.

The following seven Demitted during the year:

John Trescott (T)
Walter J. Ruskowski
Roy C. Koch (T)
John Paul Semmentinger (T)
Robert A. Morris (T)
Michael Kluse (EA Demit)
Harold Richard Price (T)
Willaim Randolph Hite (T)

Harley Junior Potts was Restored to Membership in 1964, as was William Joseph Duncan.

The Dues were remitted for 16 in 1964, six of whom were fifty year members.

Five were suspended for nonpayment of Dues.

The following 22 members died in 1964:

Henry Claude Edwards *
Loran A. Bailey
Leslie Elwood Gardner
George A. Grobner *
Lee F. Hascall *
William W. Watts
Charles Conrad
Charles Alvin Bounds, P.M.
John Pappas *
Guy Willard Abbott *
Everett L. Stevens *
Harry E. Bernard *
Frank E. Stolte
Joseph William Sexton *
Wesley Wheeler Reed
Roy Elton Davidson
Edward Zolla
Benjamine Shanda *
Leroy George Beiringer
Duddley Steel
George W. Larson *
Levi Morgan Smith

***** 1965 *****

The Annual Installation of Officers was held Saturday, December 19, 1964 for the Elected and Appointed 1965 Officers of McKinley Lodge. The Master of Ceremonies was Brother Lawrence Alan Lundgren a member of McKinley Lodge, a good friend, fellow student and fellow teacher of this writer. He was an excellent vocalist. The Coordinator was Wor. Bro. Salvatore Gallucci, the Installing Master was Wor. Bro. George W. Malcolm, the Installing Marshall was Wor. Bro. Orval A. Fleener, the Installing Chaplain was Wor. Bro. Cecil F. Lindsey, the Installing Secretary was Wor. Bro. J. Harold Cox and the Installing Organist was Wor. Bro. H. Oliver Norton of Garfield Lodge.

The McKinley Officers Installed for 1965 were as follows:

W.M. John F. Plain	S.D. Russell M. Foss
S.W. Frazier F. Andrews	J.D. William G. Henry
J.W. John L. Gwyn	S.S. C. Wayne Cox
Treas. J. Lloyd Crooks, P.M.	J.S. Hayward E. Glidewell
Sec'y. Frank A. Ambler	Chap Leroy C. McCullum, P.M.
Tyler Thomas E. Nelson, Sr.	Organ George Hrehor

A motion was made, seconded and passed at the January 12, 1965 Stated Meeting, that the Lodge pay a one year subscription to the Indiana Free Mason for every newly Raised McKinley Member.

January 26, 1965, a presentation of the Grand Lodge Fifty-year Award of Gold was made by Bro. Lynn Agnew, Special Deputy of the Grand Master, to Brother G. Roscoe Hemstock, a Charter Member of McKinley Lodge. Also, our Brother Ralph Benwall, then living in Pennsylvania, was eligible for the same award. He had affiliated with McKinley in 1928 from Michigan City . His Award of Gold was presented in Pennsylvania.

A petition for affiliation from John Harold Snyder was read at the February 9, 1965, Stated Meeting. Brother Snyder was a teacher at Hammond Tech High School, but later joined the Northern Indiana Public Service Company. He was a very close friend of this writer's father and for many years, both were very active in the 29th Degree of the Scottish Rite and great boosters of McKinley Lodge. J. Harold Snyder came to us from Charleston Lodge No. 35 in Charleston, Illinois.

February 23, 1965, a dinner was held honoring Frank A. Ambler who had been the Secretary of McKinley Lodge since 1929. Brother Ambler well deserved the honor.

The month of March was a sad one for McKinley Lodge. There were five Masonic Memorial Funeral Services for McKinley Members in March of 1965.

McKinley accepted an invitation to visit the Cline Gardens Christian Church on New Hampshire Avenue in Hammond, in celebration of Saint John the Baptist Day, June 27, 1965.

Wheaton Lodge No. 269 A.F.& A.M., of Wheaton, Illinois visited McKinley Saturday, June 26, 1965. In the afternoon McKinley Raised three candidates, Indiana style, and following a fine dinner, Wheaton conferred the MM Degree on their candidate. The Illinois work is always interesting.

A Memorial Service was conducted on August 7, 1965 for Issiedore B. Clark who was Master of McKinley Lodge in 1955, the year this writer became a Mason. The death of a Past Master is always a great loss to

the Lodge.

An amendment to the By-Laws to raise the Initiation Fee to $125.00 had been proposed at the June, 1965 Stated Meeting, and was heavily discussed at the July Stated. The motion to adopt the By-Laws amendment was made, seconded and carried at the September 14, 1965, Stated Meeting. The cost of doing business was increasing.

The petition of our present Junior Deacon Thomas Paul Clawson was read at the October 12, 1965 Stated Meeting, and a Craft Night was held on October 21. After a fine dinner the Craft conferred the MM Degree in fine style.

October 26, 1965, Worshipful Master John F. Plain had the distinct pleasure of Raising his son John Joseph Plain in the presence of his own father, McKinley member, Edward L. Plain. The three generations were joined by other Mason relatives on the auspicious occasion.

In 1965 McKinley Lodge Initiated 28, Passed 27 to the Degree of Fellowcraft, and Raised the following 28 to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

Dale Edwin McCullum
Landon Eugene McWilliams
Eldon Davis Hills
Barry Lee McKnight *(WM 1986)
Edward James Reese
Elmer Kenneth Mallett
William Roger Cole
Charles Henry Walsh
Thomas Winston Ambler
Robert Cletus Beare
John Joseph Plain
Dannie R. Cotterell
Leonard Steven Schaller
John Edward Havrill
Deward Clifford Odom
Harvey Dale Hollifield
Roy Harold Ewert, Jr.
Earl Goldberg
John Everett Greenwell
Harold Benjamin Bute
Stuart William Boyer
Lawrence Edward Harrell
Wayne John Mecklenburg
Clyde A. Buckmaster
Hatton Hershel Blanton
Louis Spiro
Marvin Wayne Mote
Robert William Dibblee (Raised in Landmark Lodge No. 76, of Charleston, South Carolina as a courtesy to McKinley on Nov. 23, 1965. Bro. Dibblee was in the Military Service)

Brother John Harold Snyder Affiliated with McKinley in 1965.

Dues for eight Fifty-year Members and for twelve distressed worthy Brothers were remitted in 1965.

The following six Demitted in 1965:
Wayne Gilbert Wheeler (T)
Gordon Henry Rundle
Roy Elmer Rogers (T)
John Abderhaman Murad, Jr.
Donald McNay Howell
John Popp, Jr. (E.A.)

Eleven were suspended for nonpayment of dues in 1965

The following members died in 1965:

Cleo Don Allen *
James E. Fifer *
David Sanford Southard *
Lawrence Franklin Ross *
David Kilgore
Robert J. Turner
Millard A. Edinger *
Paul G. Johnson *
Lenzo Barnes Clark
Renold J. Meisel
Edward Joseph Kocklin *
Constantinos J. Apostolou *
Emile E. Van Cawenbergh *
Isaac J. Rogers *
Issiedore B. Clark, P.M.*
Joseph Harvey *
Hosea Mac Farland
Ernest Woods *

***** 1966 *****

The Annual Installation of the elected an appointed Officers for 1966 was held on the evening of December 18, 1965. The Coordinator was Wor. Bro. J. Harold Cox, the Master of Ceremonies was Wor. Bro. Harold B. Jackson, the Installing Master was Wor. Bro. Gordon W. Turner, the Installing Marshal was Wor. Bro. Allen M. Domke, the Installing Chaplain was Wor. Bro. Cecil F. Lindsey, the Installing Secretary was Wor. Bro. Salvatore Gallucci and the Installing Organist was Brother James E. McNabney.

The Officers Installed were as follows:

W.M. Frazier F. Andrews
S.W. John L. Gwyn
J.W. Russell M. Foss
Treas. J. Lloyd Crooks, P.M.
Sec'y. Frank A. Ambler
Tyler Thomas E. Nelson, Sr.
S.D. William G. Henry
J.D. C. Wayne Cox
S.S. Hayward E. Glidewell
J.S. Robert E. Franks
Chap. Leroy C. McCullum, P.M.
Organ George Hrehor

Wor. Master Frazier Andrews introduced the idea of having a guest speaker at each Stated Meeting to speak on topics not necessarily about Masonry. Some of the topics were: The Medicare Program, Social Security, Masonic Funeral Rites and "Masonic Rights."

A "Thank You" letter was received at the January 11, 1966 Stated Meeting, from Bigham Lodge No. 256 of Marion, Kentucky, for conferring all three degrees as a courtesy, on their candidate Gary Edward Brantley.

The March 8, 1966 Stated Meeting, brought the conferring of Honorary Membership to Bro. W. George Scholl of Trilluminar Lodge No. 767 A.F.& A.M., of Calumet City, Illinois. Also, Bro. William H. Noll of South Park Lodge No. 662, A.F.& A.M., of Chicago, Illinois received Honorary Membership. Both Brothers were regular in attendance at McKinley Lodge for several years.

It is very rare for the Lodge to hold a Masonic Trial for Unmasonic Conduct. However, at the March 8, 1966 Stated Meeting, such a trial After due process and the member was found guilty of Unmasonic Conduct and was Suspended for ten years. In all such cases the rules of evidence are required and every precaution taken to insure fairness. A Masonic Trial is usually the result of a Brother having been convicted in a Civil or Criminal Court of Law.

Of greater significance at that March 8, 1966 Stated Meeting, was the reading of the petition of Raymond Wesley Woomer. Ray served as Secretary of McKinley Lodge from 1972 through 1987. He became Worshipful Master of McKinley Lodge in 1989 and has been a tireless worker in all phases of the Lodge up to and including the date of this writing.

March 24, 1966, McKinley visited Arcadia Lodge No. 1138, A.F.& A.F., in Calumet City, Illinois and conferred the MM Degree on McKinley candidate Ralph Almo Mitchell. On May 12, 1966, Arcadia Lodge No. 1138, repaid the visit conferring the MM Degree on their candidate.

Saturday, May 28, 1966, a group of McKinley Members and all of the Offices made an unofficial visit to Niles, Michigan. Wor. Master Frazier Andrews had learned that an all Scottish Lodge from Detroit would be conferring the MM Degree in Niles that evening. It was an outstanding event according to Bros. Russell Foss and Raymond Woomer who were among those making the trip. The Scottish Lodge members were in full Scottish Costumes, Kilts and all, and had a full Scottish brogue in their speech that was very thick and at times hard to understand.

Bro. Raymond Woomer had just been Raised on the previous Tuesday and during his examination for admittance, it was natural for them to ask Ray for the pass of the MM Degree. This writer won't say what answer was given but McKinley Master Andrews let Ray know it was the wrong thing to say and he was fortunate to have his McKinley Brothers vouch for him or Ray would not have been permitted in the Niles Lodge room.

June 9, 1966, Ronald Eugene Crooks was Raised to a Master Mason by his father, Wor. Bro. J. Lloyd Crooks, 33rd Degree, and the Treasurer of McKinley Lodge. Two of the five brothers of J. Lloyd Crooks (all Past Masters) were present, and took the following parts in the Degree:

1st Section 2nd Section

W.M. J. Lloyd Crooks, P.M.
J.W. Dale Crooks, P.M.
S.D. Charles Crooks, P.M.

K.S. J. Lloyd Crooks
K.H. Dale Crooks, P.M.
S.D. Charles Crooks, P.M.

Also, An Uncle of J. Lloyd Crooks, Past Master Frank Crooks took the following parts: Junior Deacon in the First Section, and Junior Steward in the Second Section.

Not present but related were: Jesse Crooks, P.M., William Crooks, P.M., and Fred Crooks, P.M. It was still a grand night.

At the June 11, 1966 Stated Meeting, our Tyler, Brother Thomas E. Nelson, Sr., gave a talk on "McKinley's Library." Bro. Tom took good care of out Library for many years.

McKinley accepted an invitation from the First Christian Church in Hammond, to celebrate St. John the Baptist Day with the Church members on Sunday, June 26, 1966. The Reverend Brother Archie Mackey, a member of McKinley Lodge delivered a fine sermon.

The September 13, 1966 Stated Meeting, brought the reading of a petition from Philip Frank Robaska of Crete Lodge No. 763 A.F.& A.M., in Crete, Illinois, to Affiliate with McKinley Lodge. As previously stated in this Chronicle of McKinley Lodge, "Phil", a teacher in the Hammond Schools, and his family are very close friends of this writer.

The Stated Meeting of November 8, 1966, was sad for McKinley Lodge. Five members were reported to have died in the previous thirty day period.

A Masonic Trial was set for the October 1966 Stated Meeting, for a member who had pleaded "guilty" in Civil Court, to a minor legal infraction. The defendant appeared at the Masonic Trial to defend himself and after Wor. Bro. Allen Domke, representing the Lodge made his presentation and the Charged Brother responded, the Brother was asked to leave the room while the ballot was spread to determine his guilt or innocence.

The ballot declared the Brother "Not Guilty" of Unmasonic Conduct. Once again, the unparalleled and unprecedented fairness found in Masonry, was proven.

Sometime in October or November in 1966, an Officers Dinner was held. A Bill in the amount of $121.80 was presented at the December Stated Meeting, for the cost of an Officers Dinner.

December was busy as usual. The Christmas Party was held December 9, 1966. The Election and Appointment of Officers, the Actual Past Masters Degree and the Installation of Officers were all a part of December. The

Treasurers Report and the Report of the Auditing Committee revealed a Balance on Hand of $763.23 with assets totaling $67,175.29, including $15,300.00 of Masonic Building Association Stock.

In 1966, McKinley Lodge Initiated 23, Passed 27 to the Degree of Fellowcraft, and Raised the following 23 to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

LaMar Nicholas Tuttle
William Joseph Woosley
Thomas Brown Nichols
Ralph Almo Mitchell
John Allen Malo
Raymond Wendsley Woomer*(WM 1989)
Ronald Eugene Crooks
Fred Eugene Winkler
Gerald Daun Childers
Merrill James Hundley
John Cargal (Raised in St.Joseph Valley Lodge # 4, Niles, Mi.)
Jack Francis Wilson
William Basil Lekas
Herbert Lawrence Goodrich
Jackie Ray Winkler
Leon Clifton Kittell
Richard Herman Glover
Donald LeRoy Hawkins
Joseph William Harris
Willard James Heili
Paul McClelland Ford
Thomas Paul Clawson
Clarence Donald Seagraves

The following were restored to membership in 1966:
Wayne Theodore Bates
Clifton Blankenship
John Earl Robinson
Alvah Edward Mills
Fleet Ballard, Jr.
Herbert F. Lewke

Philip Frank Robaska and Bennie Likens, Jr. Affiliated in 1966.

Dues were remitted for Seven Fifty-year Members and 10 others.

The following 9 Demitted in 1966:
Eura Taylor Oakley (T)
Peter T. Ekonomos (T)
Albert Russell Bailey (T)
William A. Cheesebrough
John Robert Kennedy
Allen Franklin Mohr (T)
Charles Ruben O'Neal (T)
Henry John Tompary
Thomas Petso
Walter Raymond Stephenson(FC)

Two were suspended for nonpayment of Dues. One was Suspended for ten years for "Other Causes"

The following nineteen members died in 1966:

Peter Nicholas Chintis *
Cliford William Hass
Irvin C. Howard *
William Oswald Snipes
John Clifford Agnew *
Vane R. Howard *
Anton J. Fechalos *
Raymond Charles Laughlin *
Vincent Roldan Lazo
Wayne Stodgel *
Earl Hart *
Walter Hoyt Clark *

Edward Gross *
John Clifton Rea
William E. Sloan
Mervin J. Hubbard
Gordon Edward Taylor
Paul L. O'Brien

***** 1967 *****

The Installation of McKinley Officers for 1967 was held Saturday, December 17, 1966. The Coordinator was J. Harold Cox, P.M., the Master of Ceremonies was Floyd K. Gwinner, P.M., the Installing Master was Clarence Covault, P.M., the Installing Marshall was Orval Fleener, P.M., the Installing Chaplain was Cecil F. Lindsey, P.M., the Installing Secretary was John Plain, P.M., and the Installing Organist was H.Oliver Norton, P.M. of Garfield Lodge.

The Officers Installed were:

W.M. John L.Gwyn
S.W. Russell M. Foss
J.W. William G. Henry
Treas. J. Lloyd Crooks, P.M.
Sec'y. Frank A. Ambler
Tyler Thomas E. Nelson, Sr.
S.D. C. Wayne Cox
J.D. Hayward Glidewell
S.S. Robert E. Franks
J.S. Harry A. Shumaker
Chap Leroy C. McCullum, P.M.
Organ James E. McNabney

January 10, 1967, the Demit of the Reverend Brother Harold R. Turpin was read. Reverend Turpin was often called upon to give a talk to McKinley Lodge and to conduct the religious funeral service of a deceased Brother. He would then turn the ceremonies over to McKinley's Chaplain for the Masonic Memorial Service. The Rev. Brother Harold Turpin was transferring to Brush Lodge No. 123, in Brush, Colorado.

Also on this date, as a courtesy to Roosevelt Lodge No. 626, in Davenport, Iowa, McKinley held a Memorial Service for their deceased Past Master, Wor.Bro. Harold R. Miner.

March 28, 1967, Garfield Lodge paid a visit to McKinley and the Garfield Players presented the play, A Rose Upon the Alter, before 28 members and 43 visitors.

April 27, 1967, McKinley made a visitation to Arcadia Lodge No. 1138, in Calumet City, Illinois and conferred the MM Degree on McKinley candidate George N. Farras. Arcadia repaid the visit on June 8, 1967, conferring the MM Degree on their candidate Paul Everett Zillmer before 24 McKinley Members plus the Officers and 24 visitors.

Saturday, June 17, 1967, McKinley Raised three candidates. Two of the candidates were George Paul Clawson and William Robert Clawson, father

and son. Another son, Brother Thomas Paul Clawson had been made a Mason the previous year. Several uncles and friends were present for both ceremonies but Thomas Paul was in the Reserves and had to be away at Summer Camp. To his great regret, he missed the Raising of his father and brother.

On the same Saturday, as a courtesy to McKinley Lodge, Garfield Lodge held a special meeting and conferred the MM Degree on three McKinley candidates. They were Cuthbert A. Turnbull, Rolland Werblo and James R. Higginbotham.

June 25, 1967, McKinley visited the First Christian Church in the Hessville section of Hammond, in Celebration of Saint John the Baptist Day.

June 27, 1967 was a big day for the McNabney family. It was Past Master's Night, and after a dinner, for over 200 Masons and their Ladies, the Grand Lodge Fifty-year Award of Gold was presented to Bland T. McNabney and to Walter D. Stoddard, a good friend of the family. The award was presented by Past Grand Master Newell Lamb, 33rd Degree. PGM Newell Lamb was also the speaker for the evening and paid tribute to the work of the two recipients during his talk.

A Masonic Memorial Service was held July 24, 1967, for our Past Master, Wor. Bro. Thomas J. Martinson, who had done much for McKinley Lodge and for the City of Hammond as a Chief of Police in Hammond. Taking part in the service prior to the Masonic Memorial were the Reverend Frank G. Buechley and the Reverend Brother Archie Mackey.

The petition of Charles George Jones was read at the August 8, 1967 Stated Meeting. Charles became Worshipful Master of McKinley Lodge in 1988, is regular in his attendance and a great help to the Lodge. "Chuck" got his MM Degree when McKinley visited Whiting Lodge No. 613, in Whiting, Indiana on November 29, 1967. McKinley's minutes do not mention this visitation nor the Raising of Charles George Jones. Those taking part in the MM Degree were primarily Whiting Lodge Members and fellow workers at Union Carbide. Wor. Bro. Russell Foss and Wor. Bro. "Chuck" Jones correctly recalled the event for this writer.

October 24, 1967, Craft Night, was celebrated with a fine dinner and Officer, Brother Robert Callahan presented a film on Police Work. Nineteen members also received their Twenty-five Year Pins during the evening.

The Indiana Grand Lodge Sesquicentennial was celebrated during 1967 and on November 11, 1967, an evening of celebration for Northern Indiana Masons was enjoyed in the Civic Auditorium in LaPorte, Indiana. A play, Behold the Sower, written by Past Grand Master Dwight L. Smith was presented. It represented the relationship between Indiana Masonry and Education in the

Public Schools in Indiana. PGM Dwight Smith also wrote that magnificent book, A Goodly Heritage. As a former educator, and admirer of PGM Smith, this writer is going to obtain a copy of his Play and read it.

In 1967 McKinley Lodge Initiated 20, Passed 18 to the Degree of Fellowcraft and Raised the following 20 to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

Carlos Felix Winkler	Ralph Eldon Thorn
Philip Maddox	Percy Leonard Severson
Charles Stephen Fuller	John Fred Johnson
George N. Farras	Elbert Ruford Rush, Sr.
George Paul Clawson	William Robert Clawson
Max Owen Sears	Malcolm Louis Wade
Cuthbert Arlington Turnbull	Rolland Werblo
James Ray Higgenbotham	Walter Biondi
Michael Kluse	Harold John Young
Harry Mike Wozniak	Charles George Jones *(WM 1988)

Affiliating with McKinley in 1967 was Leon Enis Garner from Arcadia No. 1138, Calumet City, Ill.

The following four were restored to Membership:

George Everette Camplin	Claude R. Heckman, Jr.
Donald L. Oltz	Lewis Carl Grose

Dues were remitted for six Fifty-year Members and for sixteen distressed worthy Brothers.

The following Demitted in 1967:

Rev. Bro. Harold R. Turpin (T)	Henry Nelson Jacobsma (T)
Joseph William Harris (T)	Fred Hart Sinclair (T)
John Richard Hill (T)	Al Francis Mackin
John Steven Budkins (T)	

There were nine suspensions for nonpayment of dues.

The following McKinley Brothers died in 1967:

Walter Laws Hammond	Richard Harold Evans *
John Mitchell *	Louis H.O. Wulf *
John Edward Miller	Howard Oliver Stranage
Robert Paterson *	Pearl R. Carroll

George Wshington Bellamy, (a fifty-eight year member, who at age 70 had helped this writer build his first home)

Herman N. Loden *	Maurice Benjamin Cohen *
John Joseph Einsele	Thomas J. Martinson, P.M. *
John E. Robinson	Claude R. Jacobs

Max F. Klee, P.M.
Grant Bellamy *
Thomas J. Roberts
Herbert F. Geiselman
Harry Edison Foster
Frank G. Heichel *
William C. Michaels
Orth Bruce Barcus *
Kenneth Malo Warner

The 1967 Annual Report showed a Membership of 1322 but only 1288 were dues paying members.

***** 1968 *****

The Installation was held on December 16, 1967 to Install the elected and appointed Officers of McKinley Lodge for 1968. The Master of Ceremonies was Harold B. Jackson, P.M., the Installing Master was J. Harold Cox, P.M., the Installing Marshall was C. William Chansler, P.M., the Installing Secretary was Allen M. Domke, P.M., and the Installing Chaplain was the Reverend Brother Paul Schaeffer. The Elected and Appointed Officers Installed for 1968 were as follows:

W.M. Russell M. Foss
S.W. William G. Henry
J.W. C. Wayne Cox
Treas. J. Lloyd Crooks, P.M.
Sec'y. Frank A. Ambler
Tyler Thomas E. Nelson, Sr.
S.D. Hayward E. Glidewell
J.D. Robert E. Franks
S.S. Harry Shumaker
J.S. Audrian Burroughs
Chap. Leroy C. McCullum, P.M.
Asst.Chap. Cecil F. Lindsey, P.M.
Assoc. Chap. Orval A. Fleener, P.M.

Organist Edison Beckett

The soloist for the evening was Bro. Lawrence A. Lundgren, and the DeMolay and Jobs Daughters handled the presentation of the colors and the forming of the Tableau.

McKinley's first visitors of the year were from Arcadia Lodge No 1138 A.F.& A.M. now of Lansing, Illinois. This was the evening of April 18, 1968, and both McKinley and Arcadia conferred the MM Degree on one of their own candidates.

It was at the May 14, 1968 Stated Meeting, that Wor. Bro. Clarence J. Cole of Garfield Lodge, notified McKinley that he would no longer be the Editor of the Square and Compass Magazine. This writer was a great admirer of the work of Wor. Bro. Clarence Cole, had taught his two daughters and his son in high school, and felt the Magazine would suffer greatly when he retired as Editor. The new Editor was Bernard M. Reshaw and there is no doubt that he too did a fine job.

June 25, 1968 was a night to honor the Craft. After a fine dinner, the Craft conferred the MM Degree in fine style on Edward Henry Langohr followed by 25 Year Pin Presentations to 19 McKinley Members.

On the night of September 19, 1968, McKinley repaid the visit of Arcadia Lodge and a large group traveled to Lansing, Illinois to confer the MM Degree on McKinley candidate, Richard Murray Klebs.

October 3, 1968, McKinley paid a visit to Henry H. Culver Lodge No. 617, in Culver, Indiana and conferred the MM Degree on our candidate Allyn Paul Fozkas. This was followed by a visit to Ben Hur Lodge No. 818, of Chicago on October 18, 1968, where we conferred the MM Degree on our Brother Henry C. Brown.

The annual Past Master's Dinner was held at the Martinique Restaurant on October 26, 1968. There were over 126 Masons and their Ladies present for the fine affair. The speaker was Bro. J.Robert Wall from the Scottish Rite Speakers Bureau, and the Bill for the evening was only $133.00. You could not eat at the Martinique today with that many people at that cost.

The November 12, 1968 Stated Meeting, brought the reading of a bill for $246.00 for ceiling repairs and one for $318.34 for carpeting. The MBA did not pick up these bills. A presentation of the Fifty-year Grand Lodge Award of Gold to James Earl Mead by Brother Frank A. Ambler acting as Special Deputy for the Grand Master, was made November 26, 1968. Sixteen members also received their 25 Year Pins that same night.

December 6, 1968 was "Craft Night" for the Craft and their Ladies. After dinner, films were shown entitled "House Made with Hands" and "The Hearts of Men."

December was again a busy month. Saturday, December 6, 1968, the Lodge conferred the MM Degree on three candidates. The December 1968 Stated Meeting, brought the reading of a petition from Carl William McCoy. "Bill's petition was signed by his two brothers Paul G. McCoy and Robert B. McCoy. Bill has been an outstanding Mason and a respected Funeral Director in Hammond for many years. A petition from Robert Leroy Henry, the son of William Goodson Henry, Senior Warden of McKinley Lodge was also read.

The Actual Past Master's Degree was held on December 12, the Christmas Party was held on December 13, and the Installation of McKinley Officers was held December 21, 1968.

In 1968, McKinley Lodge Initiated 14, Passed 16 to the Degree of Fellowcraft and Raised the following 19 to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

David Carl Ferrebee **Noah Wayne Rife**

Robert Dallas Wade
Clifford Hollis Parker
Donald James Chambers
Edward Henry Langohr
Allyn Paul Fozkas
Francis Miller Turnpaugh
Roy Omega Bass
Leo Woodrow Sebenste
Lonas Martin
Earl Robert Ward
John Allen Kulka
Max Mickey Snider
Richard Murry Klebs
Henry Carl Brown
Thomas Craig Cornwell
Edward Colman Tinsley
Robert Lewis Washington

Elgen Bishop Pendley Affiliated with McKinley in 1968.

The following were restored to membership in 1968:
Robert Garrett Boersma
Bobby G. Perry
Philip Bruce Lynn

The dues were remitted for five Fifty-year Members and fourteen destitute worthy Brothers.

Five were suspended for nonpayment of dues.

There were 26 members who died in 1968 plus two who were not previously reported in 1967 because no word of their death had come to McKinley Lodge. They are noted with a (#). Masonic Memorial Services will continued to be indicated with a (*) after their name.

William Erwin Bruce
William Harrison Matthews #
Bernard Alexander *
Henry B. Taylor *
John H. Hill *
George Emsley Smith
Edward A. Rathburn
Richard S. Anderson
Fred G. Bunkenhoffer
Paul F. Hoppie *
Walter F. Collins
Wilbur Sanford "Red" Morrison *
Unie Jefferies *
Warren D. Ray
Ralph Henry Benwell #
Paul Arthur Dibblee *
Bruce Williams, Jr. *
Erick A. Kallen *
Warren Albert Horton *
Burt Clayton Stevens
Albert Schischka
Silas A. Bennett *
Charles H. Wright
Walter V. Halfman
Dale Gray
Howard Jennings Jones *
Arthur R. Rossborough
David C. Hamacher

THE FIFTY YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF McKINLEY LODGE

The Annual Installation of the elected and appointed Officers of McKinley Lodge for 1969 took place Saturday, December 21, 1968 with approximately 125 Masons, their Ladies and friends attending. The Coordinator for the affair was John L. Gwyn, P.M., the Master of Ceremonies was C. William Chansler, P.M., the Installing Master was Orval A. Fleener, P.M., Installing Marshal was J. Harold Cox, P.M., and the Installing Chaplain was Cecil F. Lindsey, P.M.

The invocation and the benediction was given by Rev. David Cooper of the Woodmar Reformed Church and vocal selections were rendered by Bro. Lawrence A. Lundgren. The Job's Daughters of Bethel No. 14, and the DeMolay, Willis R. Ford Chapter also participated in the ceremony. The Officers Installed are as follows:

W.M. William G. Henry
S.W. C. Wayne Cox
J.W. Hayward E. Glidewell.
Treas. J. Lloyd Crooks, P.M.
Sec'y. Frank A. Ambler
Tyler Thomas E. Nelson, Sr.
Organ Edison P. Beckett
S.D. Robert E. Franks
J.D. Harry Shumaker
S.S. Audrian G. Burroughs
J.S. Barry L. McKnight
Chap. Leroy C. McCullum, P.M.
Asst.Chap. Cecil F. Lindsey, P.M.
Assoc.Chap. Orval A. Fleener, P.M.

January of 1969 was a month in which there was much sorrow. Six of our Brothers died in January of 1969. February and March were not much better for there were five of our Brothers who died in February, and five in March of 1969.

May was a month in which joy and happiness returned for the fifty-year anniversary date of McKinley Lodge was May 27, 1969. As previously mentioned, it was May 27, 1919, when McKinley Lodge received their Charter. May 27, 1969 was a regular Lodge night, but the highlight of the evening was the conferring of the MM Degree on Robert Leroy Henry, the son of Worshipful Master, William G. Henry. Our first Master, Merritt D. Metz presided in the first section of the Degree and Wor. Master "Bill" Henry presided in second section and Raised his son to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Seventy-seven signed the register that night.

The actual 50th Anniversary Celebration was held Saturday, June 7, 1969. After a splendid dinner, the speaker of the evening was Edward McFaul. Edgar Eisenhower had said of McFaul, "He has a message this country needs to hear and a manner of telling it so that it is humorous and effective." Dale Carnegie said of McFaul, "In my opinion he is one of the best on the American Platform." Mr. McFaul's address was entitled "How Confused Can

You Get?" He was indeed a dynamic speaker.

The South Bend Scottish Rite Consistory Choir entertained the crowd, of over 400 in the Banquet Room, with several fine selections. The fantastic dinner was prepared and served by Hammond Chapter No. 370, Order of Eastern Star under the direction and supervision of Worthy Matron, Billye J. Oman.

The Bills for the Fifty-year Anniversary Dinner were authorized at the June 10, 1969 Stated Meeting, and were as follows:

Edward McFaul (Speaker)	50 Year Dinner	$250.00
South Bend Consistory Choir	50 Year Dinner	$125.00
Billye J. Oman, Wor. Matron (Food)	50 Year Dinner	$172.50
Billye J. Oman, Wor. Matron (Food)	50 Year Dinner	$ 62.41
Howard & Sons	50 Year Dinner	$ 11.85
William G. Henry W.M.	50 Year Dinner	$ 4.55
Patty Cake Bakery (Cake)	50 Year Dinner	$ 10.80
Jersey Maid Ice Cream Co.	50 Year Dinner	$ 6.50
E. J. Bynum & Co.	50 Year Dinner	$ 18.40
Ralph Beer, Printing	50 Year Dinner	$ 11.00
	Total for above Bills	$673.01

Sunday, June 22, 1969, McKinley visited the Woodmar Reform Church in celebration of St. John the Baptist Day, and June 24, 1969, Garfield Lodge made a visit to McKinley conferring the MM Degree on their candidate.

The July 8, 1969 Stated Meeting, brought an increase of $10.00 per member in the annual assessment from the Grand Lodge for the Indiana Masonic Home.

A letter of resignation from Brother Barry L. McKnight, Junior Steward was read and accepted at the September 9, 1969 Stated Meeting. Barry was just too covered up with night work to be present for Lodge and do the job he felt should be done in that station. Several years later Bro. Barry McKnight accepted an invitation to return to the line and as previously mentioned, became Worshipful Master in 1986 and is our present Secretary.

September 14, 1969, McKinley Lodge chartered a bus for a visitation to the Indiana Masonic Home. The cost was $66.50.

McKinley Lodge made a visitation on September 19, 1969, to Ben Hur Lodge No. 818 A.F.& A.M., in Chicago and exemplified the Master Mason Degree. A Father and Son Banquet was held September 27, 1969, and was a huge success. It was decided to continue the event in 1970.

At the October 14, 1969 Stated Meeting, the petition of Marion Francis Wilson was read. Marion was to become Worshipful Master in 1980.

Also, at this meeting Michael Kluse was appointed and duly Installed to fill the vacancy of Junior Steward, created by the resignation of Barry McKnight.

Garfield Lodge No. 569 officially visited McKinley on October 28, 1969. Forty McKinley members and 28 visitors enjoyed watching McKinley confer the MM Degree on their candidate Gerald Wayne Steel. This was followed by a Halloween Dance in the upstairs Ballroom.

The annual Past Master's Dinner was held on the first day of November in 1969. It was combined with a visitation from Norman Lodge No. 38, A.F.& A.M., of Norman Oklahoma. In the afternoon, McKinley conferred the MM Degree in full form on McKinley candidate Walter Felix Martinez which was followed by great fellowship and a fine dinner. In the evening, the Norman Oklahoma Lodge conferred the same degree on their candidate in true Oklahoma style and it was great. There were 50 McKinley Members and 125 Visitors who signed the register that day including 13 from the Henry H. Culver Lodge No. 617, in Culver, Indiana. The Indiana Junior Grand Deacon, Frank J. Krug was also present.

A letter of appreciation for the invitation was received from Senior Grand Warden Charles R. Brown, of the Grand Lodge of Indiana. His Home Lodge was Montezuma No. 89, Montezuma, Indiana. He thanked McKinley Members for the hospitality he received during his visit with us and the Oklahoma Lodge Brothers.

The Oklahoma Lodges represented on the register included Oklahoma City Lodge No. 36, Ponca City, No.83, Myrtle No. 145, Oklahoma City, Minco No. 112, Minco, OK, Amity No. 473, Oklahoma City, Bokchito No. 253, Bokchito, OK, Bartlesville No. 284, Bartlesville, OK, Britton No. 434, Oklahoma City, Tonkawa No. 157, Tonkawa, OK, Chikaska No. 109, Blackwell, OK, Siloam No. 276, Oklahoma City, Waynoka No. 422, Waynoka, OK. Most Worshipful Grand Master of Oklahoma, Kenneth I. Imie of Siloam No. 276, Oklahoma City, and Grand Marshal John W. Preble of Normal No. 38, Normal, Oklahoma were also present.

The November 1969 Stated Meeting, brought a Petition for Affiliation from Brother William Robert Burger who was very regular in his attendance until his death. "Bill" was the owner of the Burger's Store in Munster, Indiana and was originally from Otterbein Lodge No. 561, Otterbein, Indiana.

November 19, 1969, McKinley made a visitation to Ben Hur Lodge No. 818, A.F.& A.M., Chicago, Illinois where McKinley conferred the MM Degree on McKinley candidate, Jay Darrell Beckett.

At the December 1969 Stated Meeting, a letter of appreciation was read from the Masonic relief Association of Washington, D.C., for our financial contribution to help the victims of the Camille Hurricane in Mississippi. A letter of thanks was also read from the Grand Master of Masons in Mississippi.

During 1969, McKinley Lodge Initiated 29, Passed 19 to the Degree of Fellowcraft, and Raised the following 19 to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

Edward Chaples
James Edward Kelley, Jr.
Thomas Stewart
Arthur Elmer Peters
George William Himes
James Stephens
Jay Darrell Beckett
Walter Felix Martinez
Terry "Teddy" Wagila
Stephen Shelly Hugus
William Ernest Kummetz
Donald Wehmer
Robert Leroy Henry
Donald Lee Fessenden
Joseph Timothy McLoughlin
Carl Herbert Collins
Gerald Wayne Steel
Evertt Rudolph Chapman
William Eskil Cash

Two Brothers, William Robert Burger and Chester Ballard Harrison affiliated with McKinley in 1969.

The record shows Dues were remitted for 9 Fifty-year Members and 10 distressed worthy Brothers in 1969.

The following Brothers Demitted during the year:
Donald R. Absher (T)
Clifton Blankenship (T)
Lawrence Monaddi (EA Demit)
Hilbert J. Berger
Roy Nicholas Freeman (T)
Leslie Harold Young
Roger Edwin Boyd (EADemit)
Carl William McCoy (FC Demit)

Five were suspended for nonpayment of dues in 1969.

The following 34 Members died during 1969:
(Asterik denotes a Masonic Memorial Service)

Raymond G. Ackman *
Emery Thomas Chandler
Myron D. Davis
Conrad Elman *
Harry A. Fowler *
Ernest Gross *
Leonard Harris *
Herbert W. Lewke
James D. Malcolm *
Ben Howard Bradley
Gerden Collins
Glann Dunsmore
John King Ewing
Leon Garner *
Earl Henry Hester
Clayton W. Hershman
Edwin C. Lasbury *
Charles R. Miner

James Nicholas *
Walter Peperdine *
Austin T. Pinkstaff
Carl W. Smalley *
William A.Schank *
William L. Stoehr *
Clarence R. Wagonblast
Paul T. Young *
Miles Norris *
Mitchel Pazdur
Charles Franklin Roberts
Arthur Roy See, P.M. *
Otto G. Schmidt
Raymond L. Watkins *
James H. Williams
Willis Yonker

***** 1970 *****

The Annual Installation of McKinley Officers for 1970 was held in the Lodge Room on Saturday, December 20, 1969. The Installing Officer was J. Harold Cox, P.M., who was installing his son as Worshipful Master for 1970. The Master of Ceremonies was Martin Kaufman, P.M., the Installing Marshal was Allen M. Domke, P.M., the Installing Secretary was J. Lloyd Crooks, P.M. and the Installing Chaplain was John E. Foudray, P.M.

The invocation was given by Reverend Lyle W. Lee of the First Baptist Church of Munster, Indiana. A vocal selection was rendered by John Tucker, of the First Christian Church in Hammond and the son of John Tucker, a member of Portsmouth Lodge No. 1, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, but regular in his attendance at McKinley Lodge.

The following Elected and Appointed Officers were installed.

W.M. C. Wayne Cox
S.W. Hayward E. Glidewell
J.W. Robert E. Franks
Treas. J. Lloyd Crooks, P.M.
Sec'y. Frank A. Ambler
Tyler Thomas E. Nelson
Organ Edison P. Beckett
S.D. Harry A. Shumaker
J.D. Audrian Burroughs
S.S. Michael Kluse
J.S. Clarence A. Tapper
Chap. Leroy C. McCullum, P.M.
Asst. Chap. Cecil F. Lindsey, P.M.
Assoc.Chap. Orval A. Fleener, P.M.

Another vocal selection by John Tucker was followed by the Benediction from Rev. Lee. Refreshments were served after the ceremony.

Mention needs to be made here of the appointment by Wor. Master Elect, C. Wayne Cox, of Brother Clarence A. Tapper to the Office of Junior Steward. Clarence "Butch" Tapper became the Worshipful Master of McKinley Lodge in 1975 and in 1982, became the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in the State of Indiana, bringing great honor to McKinley Lodge and unto himself.

It was at the March 10, 1970 Stated Meeting, that Raymond J. Woomer was appointed Assistant Secretary of the Lodge. His great dedication to McKinley

Lodge through the years is greatly appreciated by the Members of McKinley. It was also at this meeting that Dues were remitted for seventeen Distressed Worthy Brothers for 1970.

Saturday, April 25, 1970, the Lodge conferred the MM Degree on five candidates. A total of eight were Raised in the month of April.

An event of great interest took place on May 2, 1970 when McKinley Lodge held a Father and Son Sports Banquet. The speaker that night was Illustrious Robert J. Hepler, 33rd Degree. "Bob" was a Big Ten Conference Football Official and his topic was, "The Inside Story of Big Ten College Football." Illustrious Robert J. Hepler is an attorney in Goshen, Indiana, and is the co-author with this writer of a proposed new Fourth Degree for the Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. No word has yet been heard on the final ruling of acceptance or rejection of the new Degree, but this writer has the greatest respect and admiration for Bob Hepler.

At the time of Ill. Bro. Hepler's talk to McKinley Lodge, he had just been made a 33rd Degree Mason in Boston in September of 1969. He was a Past Sovereign Prince in the Scottish Rite and went on to become Commander in Chief. In 1966 -1967 when "Bob" Hepler was Sovereign Prince, he continued to direct the 14th Degree written by his father, after his father retired. Under his dads leadership, 510 candidates received the 14th Degree in the auditorium of the Hammond Masonic Temple. Although he doesn't say much about it, Bob was also a referee of the 1971 Rose Bowl Football Game.

More will be said later about his father, Illustrious Albert N. Hepler, Jr., 33rd Degree and the "Active" Member for Indiana, its Deputy, and of his work in DeMolay.

May 7, 1970, a Thursday night, was the Lake and Porter Counties Annual Wardens Night and this year McKinley Lodge was host to the other Lodges. For entertainment, Garfield Lodge Players put on the play "To Entertain Strangers", for the fifty-five Masons from ten Lodges who signed the register that night.

June 6, 1970, McKinley and Garfield held a joint dinner dance in the Ballroom of the Temple. There was a good turn out and everyone had a fine time.

The really big event of the month occurred on May 20, 1970, when McKinley Lodge chartered an airplane for their visit, under proper dispensation from the Grand Master, to Norman Lodge No. 38, in Norman Oklahoma. The group had quite a scare on the flight for one of the propellers stopped when a pin sheared on the propeller shaft. The plane made an unscheduled emergency landing at Tulsa, Oklahoma. There was no time to wait for repairs, so our ingenuous McKinley Lodge Brothers chartered a bus for the remaining trip to Norman and everything came out fine.

Our Brothers were treated royally over the weekend with Breakfast Saturday morning as guests of the Indian Shrine of Norman, Oklahoma. This was followed with a sightseeing trip to a nearby ranch and the University of Oklahoma. In the afternoon, the Oklahoma Brothers conferred the MM Degree, Oklahoma style, and following a wonderful western style dinner that evening, McKinley Lodge conferred the MM Degree, Indiana Style, on our candidate, Charles T. Hoover. Two of McKinley's Past Masters, Ralph Havling, P.M., and Sam Gallucci, P.M., flew in from California to join in the weekend festivities.

The flight home on Sunday afternoon was much less frightening than the flight to Norman for everything went well. The bill to Aero Leasing Services for the plane was $650.00 and the Brothers who made the trip picked up the bill for the Chartered Bus from Tulsa to Norman.

Saturday, June 27, 1970, was another record day for McKinley Lodge. It was Past Masters Day and in the afternoon, the MM Degree was conferred on two of our candidates. Past Masters, including our First Master (1919) Merritt D. Metz, took most of the parts. At the dinner in the evening, the speaker was Wor. Bro. Merritt D. Metz who talked about the very first year of McKinley Lodge. The Most Worshipful Grand Master was present but forgot to sign the register. He presented the Grand Lodge Fifty-year Award of Gold to the following six members of McKinley Lodge:

Frank A. Ambler (our Secretary)
Louis N. Cook
Walter F. Harbert
Oscar F. Weil, P.M. (1927)
Frederick Miller
Walter W. Millikan

Things toned down a bit in July and August although the Grand Lodge Fifty-year Award of Gold was presented to Brothers Roy Barnhart and G.Franklin Fairchild at the August Stated Meeting, by Orval A. Fleener, P.M., on behalf of the Grand Master.

A communication from the Grand Secretary was received in connection with an insurance program adopted by the Indiana Grand Lodge at the recent 1970 Grand Communication. It brought an assessment of $225.80 based upon our membership of 1239 as of December 31, 1969.

At the September 8, 1970 Stated Meeting, twenty-five year pins were presented to 56 members and the Grand Lodge Fifty-year Award of Gold was presented to Ferdinand Miller, Arthur E. Kelly and Robert O. Burton. (Yes, McKinley Lodge is growing old)

This writer forgot to mention that on May 24, 1970, Brother Ronald Crooks, the son of Illustrious J. Lloyd Crooks, 33rd Degree, Past Master and now Treasurer, was ordained a Minister of the Christian (Disciples of Christ) Church in Chaplin, Kentucky. Brothers Kirby Thomas and Frazier Andrews,

P.M., of McKinley Lodge, assisted in the Ordination. Worshipful Master C. Wayne Cox and Senior Warden Hayward Glidewell drove through the entire night to attend the Ordination.

Wor. Bro. Leroy C. McCullum, P.M., was nominated in November 1970 for the 33rd Degree of the Scottish Rite, Valley of South Bend, Indiana. Wor. Bro Leroy was Chaplain of McKinley Lodge for many years and the honor was well deserved.

December brought the usual flurry of activity with Election of Officers, the Actual Past Masters Degree, the Christmas Party and the annual Installation of McKinley Officers.

During 1970, McKinley Lodge Initiated 27, Passed 29 to the Degree of Fellowcraft, and Raised the following 29 to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

Robert Moore Brooks
Marion Francis Wilson *
Anton Henry Tapper
Michael Allen Greenwell
Stephan Kuchta
Donald Robert Smith
Roy Allen Nystrom
Phillip Lin Ambler
George Nickolas Jurgens, Jr.
Robert Leon Tussey
Donald Jacob Gercken
William Thomas
Charley Howald
Boyd Cecil Camp
Bobby Joe Estes
Aubrey Brose Bond
Robert Ellsworth Williams
Tommy Lee Paige
Paul eginald Rogers
Carvin Earnest Bell
Arthur Albert Black
Charles Talmadge Hoover
Tom Nickolas Pappas
Lloyd Elton Drummond
Charles Edward Colbert
Glen Marvin Adams
Russell Rogers

The following three Brothers Affiliated with McKinley in 1970:
Frederick Browning Wing
David Kennedy Hugus
Cecil Clayton Matthews

Edward James Reese was restored to membership and Dues were remmitted for 14 Fifty-year Members and for 16 Distressed Worthy Brothers.

The following Brothers Demitted in 1970: (T) Denotes Transfer
Eldon Searles Barnard (T)
Gilbert Dale Hansen (T)
Dallas Eugene Gilreath (T)
Harold Benjamin Bute (T)
Burnell Fischer
Ralph Junior Day (T)
Charley Cates Thompson (T)
Palmer Llewellwn Clark
Harold B. Reed (T)
Bobby G. Perry (T)

Nine Brothers were suspended for nonpayment of dues.

The following 19 Members died in 1970:
(An asterik denotes a Masonic Memorial Service)

Wayne H. Ashmore *
Russell A. Burke *
Robert M. Brooks *
James Arnoild Dickey *
Hobart G. Huddleston
John O. Mc Anaulty
John H. Ross
William F. Stuart, P.M.
Edwin W. Skilling
Talmadge S. Wilhite *
William A. Bridegroom *
Hazel W. Bellamy
Charles F. Christopher
Irving B. Hoffman
John J. Montgomery *
Charles M. Perry
John E. Rettinger
William T. Smith *
Ernest L. Whiteman *

******* 1971 *******

The Annual Installation of the Elected and Appointed Officers of McKinley Lodge for 1971 took place on December 19, 1970. The Installing Master was John F. Plain, P.M.; the Installing Marshal was Orval A. Fleener, P.M., the Installing Secretary was John L. Gwyn, P.M., the Installing Chaplain was Cecil F. Lindsey, P.M.; the Coordinator was Russell M. Foss, P.M., and the Master of Ceremonies was Clarence Covault, P.M. The Installing Organist was H. Oliver Norton, P.M. of Garfield Lodge.

After the presentation of the colors by the Willis R. Ford Chapter of DeMolay and the "Tableau" presented by Bethel #14, Job's Daughters, the following were duly Installed:

W.M. Hayward E. Glidewell
S.W. Robert E. Franks
J.W. Harry Shumaker
Treas. J. Lloyd Crooks, P.M.
Sec'y. Frank A. Ambler
Tyler Thomas E. Nelson, Sr.
Organ Edison P. Beckett
S.D. Audrian Burroughs
J.D. Michael Kluse
S.S. Clarence A. Tapper
J.S. John O. White
Chap. Leroy C. McCullum, P.M.
Asst. Chap. Cecil F. Lindsey, P.M.

At this point in this history we pay tribute to Brother Bernard Renshaw for publishing the Square and Compass for the past two and one half years. The new Editor, Wor. Bro. Otto R. Burkybile, took over with the January 1971 issue and continued this Masonic Publication of the Calumet Region until 1992.

Over 250 Masons, their families and guests honored Wor. Bro. Floyd K. Gwinner with a dinner the evening of January 30, 1971. Wor. Bro. Gwinner had just received the Grand Lodge Fifty-year Award of Gold which was

presented by Past Grand Master, Newell A. Lamb. This writer remembers the evening well for the "McNabney Band" played a number of selections at the gathering. This writer played the trombone, his son Mark played the drums, his brother James, a McKinley Member played the piano, his brother Leland McNabney played the "Tub" Bass, Leland's son Tim, played the trumpet. The McNabney's had a great time though our music was not all that great.

Grand Lodge dues had increased and McKinley's Bill for 1970 was $12,548.49. Our MBA assessment for the year was $5,596.00. Even though the cost of operations was continuing to climb, McKinley Lodge on behalf of the estate of the late Brother James Nicholas, gave $1200.00 to furnish a room at the hospital of the Indiana Masonic Home. Wor. Bro. George F. Becknell, Junior Grand Deacon, accepted the McKinley check.

Arcadia Lodge No. 1118 A.F.& A.M., of Lansing, Illinois visited McKinley on March 30, 1971 conferred the MM Degree on their candidate Wesley Bennet Ashley. We returned the visit on April 29. At the April 13, 1971 Stated Meeting, the resignation of Michael Kluse, as Junior Deacon was read. It was read again at the May 11, 1971 Stated Meeting, and accepted with regret.

On May 8, 1971, the annual Father and Son Banquet was held and everyone had a grand time. Almost every youngster won a prize and that made everyone happy.

Brother Otto German was made an Honorary Member of McKinley Lodge at the May 11, 1971, Stated Meeting.

In June, Worshipful Master Hayward Glidewell appointed Senior Steward, Clarence A. Tapper, to the newly vacated position of Junior Deacon. Also, Junior Steward John O. White was appointed as Senior Steward, and the new appointee for Junior Steward was Brother Charles G. Jones. They were installed at the June 8, 1971 Stated Meeting, by Wor. Bro. William G. Henry acting as Installing Master and Wor. Bro. C. Wayne Cox acting as Installing Marshal.

June 1, 1971, twenty-five Year Pins were presented to nine members who were present and twenty-four of the pins were mailed to qualifying members not present that evening.

The Lodge attended church at the First Christian Church of Hessville on Saint John's Day, June 27, 1971.

A Drury Lane Theater Party in Chicago had been planned in 1970. The outing took place on July 20, 1971 and the play "Paris is Out," starred the one and only Pat O'Brien of movie fame. All of the proceeds from the theater outing went to the Indiana Masonic Home.

Worshipful Master Hayward Glidewell, with Lodge approval, accepted an invitation from Fred Pechin, Junior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of the State of Kansas, for McKinley to visit Morton Lodge No. 258, A.F.& A.M., at Cheney, Kansas, near Witchita on August 1, 1971. McKinley would confer the MM Degree.

A plane was chartered from the Ozark Air Lines for $350.00 down plus $2,815.17 before the flight. The bill to the Chicago and Calumet Transit Co. to get to and from the airport was $121.60. The Cheney, Kansas Brothers have a "Moonlight Lodge" in which 25 of the surrounding Lodges take part with a big outdoor dinner and lots of good fellowship.

The weather in Kansas would not permit the planned outdoor degree so McKinley Lodge conferred the MM Degree on our candidate, Richard Bryan Clausen, in the Cheney, Kansas, high school gymnasium. Grand Master of Masons in the State of Kansas, Robert D. Caplinger and his Officers were highly complimentary of the work done by McKinley Lodge. MWGM Caplinger accepted the invitation and closed McKinley Lodge in ample form on the Master Mason Degree.

The death of Brother Frank A. Ambler on August 28, 1971, brought great sadness to our Lodge. Brother Frank, a fifty-year Mason had served McKinley Lodge as treasurer for 22 years and as Secretary for the last 17 years. Brother Raymond W. Woomer was appointed Acting Secretary, effective August 8, 1971.

Among the September Bills was a bill from Bodie Photographer, for $162.60 for the portrait of Wor. Bro. Floyd K. Gwinner, KYCH, which hangs in the Tyler's room of McKinley Lodge.

On October 16, 1971, McKinley held it's annual Past Master's Dinner, and on October 30 McKinley made a pilgrimage to Park Lodge No. 8, Rockville, Indiana. McKinley conferred the MM Degree on our candidate, Frank Fall Quinn.

November 6, 1971, McKinley entertained the Brothers of Norwich Lodge No. 319, Norwich, (near Wichita) Kansas. They conferred the MM Degree Kansas style, on one of their candidates following a fine dinner. Wor. Bro. George Pokas, of Garfield Lodge, was appointed "Special Deputy" for the Grand Master of Indiana, and Grand Honors were afforded the Right Worshipful, Kent Hansen, District Deputy Grand Master of the 46th District of the Grand Lodge of Kansas. Wor. Bro. Fred Pechin, Junior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Kansas also received Grand Honors.

A dinner was given November 13, 1971, honoring Wor. Bro. Leroy C. McCullum to celebrate his election to the 33rd Degree. Wor. Bro. McCullum had been McKinley's Chaplain for 36 years. The speaker for the dinner was

Reverend Paul Jones at a fee of $200.00, but he was worth the fee and the food was excellent.

(NOTE) The November 9, 1971, typed Minutes of the Stated Meeting, has a paragraph that says "Martin Kaufman announced he would give $2,000.00 for a building fund payable by December 31, 1973." Penciled in ink under the paragraph are the words "and will be withdrawn." This writer assumes the offer would be withdrawn if McKinley did not purchase property or a building within the time period specified. This was the first indication that some members of McKinley were beginning to think in terms of obtaining new living quarters.

During 1971, McKinley Lodge Initiated 15, Passed 17 to the Degree of Fellowcraft and Raised the following 20 to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

William Herman Head	John Wesley Bolby
Ernest Edward Cunningham	Frank Joseph Muscarella
James Carston Whitfield	George Leroy Pridemore
Roland Thomas Fleming	Charles Titus Hill
Leroy Louis Wooley	Nicholas Joseph Rizzo, Jr.
Earl Richard Prahlow	Roger Edward Marsh
Richard Byran Clausen	Albert Theodore Robertson
Kermit Clark Ray	Ralph Don Rodgers
Frank Fall Quinn	Wayne Eugene Berkebile
Donald Eugene Berkebile	Carl William McCoy

The following were restored to membership in 1971:

John Free Leonard	James Albert Hampton
Robert Henry Edward Childs, Sr.	Norman Mel Hanson

Dues were remitted in 1971 for 24 Fifty-year Members and for fifteen Distressed Worthy Brothers.

The following nine Brothers Demitted in 1971:

Robert G. Beare (T)	George N. Gilbert (T)
Walter L. Goin (T)	Harry A. Koester (EA)
James H. Miller (T)	Victor A. Monnett
Clarence V. Sorenson	Coy L. Thomas (T)
Kermit L. Whitfield (T)	

Four were suspended for nonpayment of Dues in 1971.

Twenty-six members died during 1971. (* Denotes a Memorial Service)

Frank A. Ambler *	Gus Argus *
Roy Edron Barnhart	John William Best *

Lloyd L. Brandenburg *
Gerald D. Childers *
David Clifford Foresberg *
Marvin Chester Hallowell
James William Hood
Jerome Kohout
James Earl Mead
Marshall Raymond Minter *
Herbert J. Newkirk
Mason William Roberts *
William Texal Sparks
John Perry Cargal
William Joseph Duncan
Robert Wayne Foster, Sr. *
John E. Havill *
Dr.Eli S."Jack" Jones 33rd*
James Edison Larimer *
Thayer B. Meriwany
Forrest Morrow
Otto Levi Pence
William Christian Rose *
Wesley C. Wagonblast

The Annual Report listed 1283 members as of December 31, 1971.

***** 1972 *****

The Annual Installation of Officers for 1972 was Saturday, December 18, 1971. The Installing Master was Bert E. Franks, P.M. of Lafayette Lodge No. 123, Lafayette, Indiana, the brother of Master Elect, Robert E. Franks. Installing Marshal was William G. Henry, P.M., the Installing Secretary was John L.Gwyn, P.M., Installing Chaplain was Orval A. Fleener, P.M., Master of Ceremonies was Frazier F. Andrews, P.M., Coordinator was Russell M. Foss, P.M., and the Installing Organist was H. Oliver Norton, P.M. of Garfield Lodge No. 569.

The Officers Installed were:

W.M. Robert E. Franks
S.W. Harry A. Shumaker
J.W. Audrian G. Burroughs
Treas. J. Lloyd Crooks, P.M.
Sec'y. Raymond W. Woomer
Tyler Thomas E. Nelson
S.D. (Absent)
J.D. John O. White
S.S. Charles G. Jones
J.S. Donald I. Henry
Chap. Cecil F. Lindsey, P.M.
Organ Phillip L. Ambler

At the January 11, 1972 Stated Meeting, Clarence Tapper, who had to miss the December Installation Ceremony, was duly and properly Installed as Senior Deacon for 1972. His Installing Master was Wor. Bro. Frazier F. Andrews and the Installing Marshal was Wor. Bro. William G. Henry.

The retiring address of Wor. Bro. Hayward Glidewell was printed in the January 1972 Square and Compass and is an example of the sincerity of purpose with which he presided over McKinley Lodge in 1971.

March 9, 1972, McKinley paid a visit to Arcadia Lodge No. 1138, In Lansing,

Illinois and conferred the MM Degree on our Candidate Marshall Morris Bruce.

At the March 14, 1972 Stated Meeting, a bill from Grand Lodge was read. Our assessment for 1971 was $12,476.20. Also, the Lodge created a Memorial of $40.00 in the name of Brother Frank A. Ambler at the Masonic Home.

March 28, 1972, Kenneth LeVern Burroughs, the son of Junior Warden Audrian G. Burroughs, was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Brother "Abe" had the pleasurable but very emotional experience of obligating his son for all three of the Blue Lodge Degrees.

An April, 1972 Square and Compass article written by John White makes mention of Phase Two of the Federal Housing Project in Hammond. This is the second time, mention is made that "the Worshipful Master has deemed it advisable to take steps to appoint a special committee to look for a new location for the building of a new Temple for the Members of McKinley Lodge."

May 3, 1972, was Wardens Night for Lake and Porter Country Lodges. The host for the affair was East Chicago Lodge No. 595, and several McKinley Members attended the affair.

A Scottish Rite Father and Son Banquet held May 6, 1972, in the Hammond Temple, and to avoid duplication, McKinley Lodge did not sponsor a Father and Son Banquet in 1972.

May 13, 1972, McKinley traveled by bus to visit Waveland Lodge No. 300, in Waveland, Indiana and exemplified the MM Degree. The cost for the bus was $240.00, but the hospitality more than made up for the cost of the trip.

At the Stated Meeting of June 13, 1972, Twenty-five year Pins were presented to seventeen eligible McKinley Brothers present, and pins were mailed to thirty-nine who were eligible but not present.

McKinley held its Past Master's Dinner Saturday, September 16, 1972. A great dinner prepared and served by Abbie Hanson Chapter No. 578, Order of the Eastern Star and everyone enjoyed the evening.

September 26, 1972, McKinley visited Arcadia Lodge No. 1138, in Lansing, Illinois and watched them confer the MM degree on one of their candidates.

A dinner was given on October 28, 1972 honoring Wor, Bro. J. Lloyd Crooks on his election to the Illustrious 33rd Degree of the Scottish Rite, Valley of South Bend. J. Lloyd Crooks was a tireless worker in Masonry. He served McKinley Lodge as Wor. Master in 1952, and as Treasurer for many years. The speaker for the evening was Wor. Bro. Albert Hepler, 33rd Degree,

Scottish Rite, Valley of South Bend. Another fine dinner was prepared and served by Abbie Hanson Chapter No. 578, Order of Eastern Star.

This writer is forever grateful to J. Lloyd Crooks for his unwavering support in every circumstance both within and without the Lodge. He was responsible for getting this writer elected to the Board of Directors of First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Hammond. There are few for whom this writer has greater admiration, brotherly love, friendship and respect than for J. Lloyd Crooks. His passing is severely felt by this writer.

At the November 14, 1972 Stated Meeting, an application was approved and a recommendation made for Brother Kenneth Robert Blitsch and his wife Beulah to be admitted to the Indiana Masonic Home. The application was forwarded to the admissions committee at the home.

The month of December brought the election of Officers on the 12th, the Christmas Party on the 13th, Actual Past Masters Degree on the 14th, annual Installation of Officers on the 16th and the Feast of Saint John on the 27th. Between all this was the regular degree work of the Lodge.

The Annual Report for 1972 showed a Net Worth of $77,750.82 with a balance on hand of $627.34 and a membership of 1236.

During 1972, McKinley Lodge Initiated 23, Passed 20 to the Degree of Fellowcraft and Raised the following sixteen to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

Carroll Homer Wursthorne
Marshall Morris Bruce
Donald Glen Adams
Paul Edward Lane
Jack Pressley
Jerry Gene Miller
Willard Swinney
John G. Apostolos
Earl Henry Koehler
Kenneth Levern Burroughs
Dean Lorraine Pickering
Walter Lee Rich
Larry Dale Grieshaber
Dennis Carl Chansler
Chauncey Sparks Dickey
Terrence Wayne Mote

William Carl Retzloff was restored to membership in 1972.

Dues were remitted for thirty-one 50 Year Members and fourteen Distressed Worthy Brothers.

Six were suspended for nonpayment of dues and the following Brothers Demitted in 1972:

Peter Walter Bakker (T)
Everett Earl Hanon (T)
William Herman Head
Joseph Diombala
Elmer Noah Martin (T)

Twenty-seven Members of McKinley Lodge died in 1972.

William S. Alexander *
Marshall Elliot Belshaw
Edgar Charles Buchele
Henry De Fries
Reynolds James Dreggors *
Earl Fifield *
William George Fredericks, Jr.*
William Z. Hoch *
Bert Walter Kronsell *
James Elsworth Lancaster *
Isadore Levin
Charles L. Rothe
William Heilman Shoptaugh *
Leon Theodore Williams *
Russell James Bassett *
Frederick Earl Borman *
Clarence Edwin Coats
Ralph Albert Doerman
James Arthur Dugger
William Oliver Forbes *
George Christ Gourlis
Nickolas Kirsch *
Embert Garner Krum *
Adolf Lang, Sr. *
Don Malott
Paul Raymond Shearer
Nelson Miller Warntz

This writer takes the liberty of noting his friendship for Charles L. Rothe, Eminent Commander of Hammond Commandery No. 41, in 1965. His death, listed above, brings recollections of when this writer was High Priest of Hammond Chapter No. 117 Royal Arch Masons, "Charlie" Rothe was always there to help.

***** 1973 *****

The Installation of the Officers of McKinley Lodge for 1973, took place on December 16, 1972. The Installing Master was John L. Gwyn, P.M., Installing Marshal was Clarence R. Covault, P.M., Installing Secretary was Allen M. Domke, P.M., the Installing Chaplain was Orval A. Fleener, P.M. Martin Kaufman, P.M., acted as Master of Ceremonies, the Coordinator was J. Harold Cox, P.M., and the Installing Organist was H. Oliver Norton, P.M., of Garfield Lodge No. 569.

The Officers Installed for 1973 were as follows:

W.M. Harry A. Shumaker
S.W. Audrian G. Burroughs
J.W. Clarence A. Tapper
Treas. J. Lloyd Crooks, P.M. 33rd
Sec'y. Raymond W. Woomer
Tyler Thomas E. Nelson
S.D. John O. White
J.D. Charles G. Jones
S.S. Donlad I. Henry
J.S. Phillip L. Ambler
Chap. Cecil F. Lindsey, P.M.
Organ George Hrehor

The following By-laws amendment proposed by Wor. Master Harry Shumaker at the February 13, 1973, Stated Meeting, appeared in the March and April 1973, issues of the Square and Compass. There was a slight correction of

the wording of the proposed amendment in the May issue that this writer has incorporated in the quote. "The Grand Lodge of Indiana has increased the Grand Lodge per capita tax, since our last increase in dues. We have used interest from our savings accounts and bonds in the amount of $3,954.31 to cover our operating expense during the last three years. The continued practice of using funds other that dues to cover expenses is not a wise procedure. Therefore, be it resolved that

Article 6, - Section I read - The dues of this Lodge shall be $12.00 per year, payable in advance of before the first day of January of each year. also

Article 8 - Section I read - Every petition for initiation must be accompanied with a fee of $125.00, which will be in full for the three degrees of Masonry." This amendment was adopted at a later meeting.

The March 13, 1973 Stated Meeting, brought the reading of the petition of William Edward Fullgraf. This writer had the great privilege of appointing "Bill" into the Officer Line a few years later and he became Worshipful Master of McKinley in 1985.

In May of 1973, the Grand Lodge Award of Gold was presented to J. Clinn Ellyson by Wor. Bro. J. Lloyd Crooks acting as the Grand Master's Special Deputy. The award was mailed to Charles "Jim" Garrett at his Florida home.

June 5, 1973, Brother Thomas "Tom" Hanna, a member of Tyrian Lodge No. 644, of New Kensington, Pennsylvania, and a regular visitor at McKinley, had the pleasure and accompanying emotion of being granted permission by Wor. Master Harry Shumaker, to Raise his son "Tom" to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

A communication from the Indiana Masonic Home was read at the June 12, 1973 Stated Meeting, that Brother Blitze and wife Buella had been admitted to the Masonic Home on June 6, 1973. McKinley Lodge set aside monies for incidentals.

Twenty-five year pins were presented on June 12 to 17 members present. In August, the petition of Lawrence Peter Kocal, a Counselor at Morton High School, a good friend and co-worker of this writer was read. Larry Kocal is still working as Head of the Counselors at Morton and is a member of the Munster Town Board.

At the August 14, 1973 Stated Meeting, the following resolution was presented by Wor. Bro. Martin Kaufman, Chairman of the Building Committee. "Be it resolved that McKinley Lodge No. 712, grant the Building Committee permission to purchase property located at 7147 Kennedy Avenue, Hammond, Indiana to convert into a Masonic Hall."

This was the first reading and the resolution was published in the September 1973 issue of the Square and Compass. It was again brought before the Lodge at the September 11, 1973 Stated Meeting under Miscellaneous Business. The minutes report, "A vote of confidence was given McKinley Building Committee by the Lodge. Report of the Building Committee was given and discussed."

A resolution from the Board of Directors of the Masonic Building Association, was read by the President of the MBA, J. Clinn Ellyson. The resolution was not published in the minutes of the Lodge. This writer ascertained from talking with Lodge members, that the gist of the Resolution was, the Shrine would never leave the Hammond Temple as was being rumored. And, the Lodge should not act on the Building Committee's resolution to purchase the Kennedy Avenue property.

The matter rested for about two months and in the interim, the petition of David Ray Schichner was read at the October 9, 1973 Stated Meeting. Dave was to become Worshipful Master of McKinley Lodge in 1981 and was a tireless worker before he and wife Peggy relocated in California.

At the November 13, 1973 Stated Meeting, Wor. Bro. Martin Kaufman, according to the minutes, made a motion to change the By-Laws. No mention is made in the minutes of what the motion said. It must be assumed that it related to the purchase of the Kennedy Avenue property. The motion died for want of a second. The matter of the purchase of the Kennedy Avenue property was ended.

There was a great deal of sympathy for Wor. Bro. Martin Kaufman, Chairman of the Building Committee, who unintentionally was in error when he placed his personal finances at risk on the property. The situation resulted in his loss of those funds. However, in defense of Wor. Bro. Kaufman, the following motion was made and seconded and is entered in the minutes of the December 11, 1973, meeting.

"To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of McKinley Lodge No. 712, F.& A.M.

I would like to make a motion that the Lodge be permitted to purchase property to erect, remodel, or become financially interested in building for a Lodge Hall or Masonic Temple. This being subject to approval of plans by the Supervisory Board of the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Indiana."

No mention is made as to who made the motion. It is believed by this writer that Wor. Bro. Franks made the motion and Wor. Bro. Kaufman seconded, or whether the motion received a second. However, it was held over and was read again at the January 8, 1974, Stated Meeting when it was tabled until the

February 12, 1974, Stated Meeting. This motion was withdrawn by Wor. Bro. Robert E. Franks, a member of the Building Committee, at the February 12, 1974 Stated Meeting. It is now apparent that the motion had to have originated with Wor. Bro. Robert E. Franks. It is clear the Members were beginning to think seriously about finding a new home.

At the December 11, 1973 Stated Meeting, eight Demits were granted. This was the largest number of Demits ever granted in a single month. Six of them were transfers to another Lodge due to relocation of the McKinley Members.

In 1973, McKinley Lodge Initiated 20, Passed 13 to the Degree of Fellowcraft, and Raised the following 18 to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

Connie John Pappas
Cecil Owens
Paul Michael Feges
Floyd Braley Matthews
Thomas Christ Katris
Claude Wozniak
William Edward Fullgraf*(WM 1985)
James Milton McCauley, Jr.
Glenn Thomas Burgess
Harold Ray Neil
William Stanley Lukrafka
Larry Milton Green
Robert Ernest Matthews
Marko Radakovich
Thomas Charles Hanna
Everett Carlyle Summers
David Gherghin
John Dellie Pellom

Two were restored to membership in 1973.
Robert Lewis Washington
Phillip Herman Weigert

Dues were remitted for 46 Members including 32 Fifty-year Members. There were seven who were suspended and the following seventeen Brothers Demitted in 1973. (T) indicates a transfer)

Richard Francis Benish (T)
John Claire Boylan (T)
William dean Denham (T)
Richard Murry Klebs
Robert Lowery III
Ralph McGhee (E.A.)
Robert William Stough (T)
David Herman Westerhoff (T)
Daniel Wilson (E.A.)
John Thomas Boone
George Robert Chenault
Norman J. Hansman (T)
Holland Lavere Koontz (T)
Gilbert Andrew Mayo (T)
Orville R.C.J. Schwingendorff(T)
David Alan Tussey (E.A.)
Joseph Clyde Lowrance (T)

The following twenty-three McKinley Members died in 1973:

Peter Alex Agorichass *
David Harold Cornelison, P.M. *
Orval Austin Fleener, P.M. *
Goodwin Roscoe Hemstock *
Aaron Clifford Alley *
Harlan T. Dennis *
George Growe
Stephen Stanley Horan *

Paul McKinley Hulstrand *
Theodore Almer Landin *
Melvin Laughlin *
Lester Ballson May *
Clarence Burt Monnett
Theodore Lehman Null
Anthony Smolen
Ernest Lorraine Klein *
Adelbert N. Langendorff
George Clifford Mauck *
Gibson Adolph Meyer *
Joseph F. Moyer
Noble John Shawn
Francis F. Van Remortal
Fred Lafayette Peck * (Masonic Memorial Service by Clarmont Lodge No.436, Clarmont, California)

McKinley Lodge was Host for the Annual Celebration of the Feast of Saint John the Evangelist on December 27, 1973.

***** 1974 *****

The Installation of the 1974 Officers of McKinley Lodge was held Saturday, December 22, 1973. The Installing Master was Russell M. Foss, P.M., the Installing Marshal was J. Harold Cox, P.M., the Installing Secretary was William G. Henry, P.M., the Installing Chaplain was Frazier F. Andrews, P.M., the Installing Organist was H. Oliver Norton, P.M. of Garfield Lodge No. 569. The Coordinator was Robert E. Franks, P.M., and the Master of Ceremonies was Ralph Havling, P.M.

The Officers Installed were as follows:

W.M. Audrian G. Burroughs
S.W. Clarence A. Tapper
J.W. John O. White
Treas. J. Lloyd Crooks, P.M.
Sec'y. Raymond W. Woomer
Tyler Thomas E. Nelson
S.D. Charles G. Jones
J.D. Donald I. Henry
S.S. Phillip L. Ambler
J.S. Dwight Beaman
Chap Cecil F. Lindsey, P.M.
Organ George Hrehor

After the ceremony, a gavel was presented to the new Worshipful Master by his son, Kenneth L. Burroughs who was raised by his father in 1972. Following the introductions, refreshments were served in the Arabian Room for all present.

There were several deaths and Memorial Services for both Members of McKinley and Visiting Brothers during the first few months of 1974. The work of conferring Degrees continued.

Junior Warden John White, as had previous Junior Wardens, kept a regular schedule of Craft Practices and proficiency in the work improved.

At the April 24, 1974, the annual required reading of the Ancient Charges was done by Wor. Master Audrian Burroughs, followed by a talk on Masonic Education by Past Master and Chaplain, Cecil F. Lindsey. Fifty-year Grand Lodge Awards were presented on April 30, 1974 to Walter Adam Ebert and Richard Emmons Krud. This writer makes the apology for not including every Fifty-year Grand Lodge Award that was mailed to eligible McKinley Members. He lost track of a few of them.

May 30, 1974, Wor. Master Burroughs, Secretary Woomer and Brother Howard Kahle, made a trip to Franklin, Indiana to transfer Brother Kenneth Blitsch to the Hospital of the Masonic Home. They left early in the morning to be there at 10:00 A.M. EST as requested.

McKinley Lodge met as a group on June 23, 1974 to attend the First Baptist Church of Munster, Indiana in Celebration of Saint John the Baptist Day. They were guests of the church. The invitation had come from Reverend Howard G. Ness, Pastor of the church.

It was at the June 11, 1974 Stated Meeting that twenty-five year pins were presented to 22 of the 73 eligible Members. Those who not present had their pins mailed to them.

Following the death of McKinley Member Arthur Edward Kelly, in Kansas on September 3, 1974, the Old Mission Lodge No. 135, in Kansas conducted a Masonic Memorial Service as a courtesy to McKinley Lodge.

McKinley Lodge conducted a beautiful Masonic Memorial Service on September 18, 1974 for Bother Bland Thurman McNabney, a Member of McKinley Lodge. Brother McNabney had been ill for over a year and a half and throughout all that time, thanks to the Junior Deacons, his name always appeared among those on the sick list in the Square and Compass. This writer and the McNabney family will always appreciate that courtesy.

The petitions of Gerald Lawrence Wood and Coy Ellis Bonner were read at the October 8, 1974, Stated Meeting. Both became Master of McKinley Lodge in 1983 and 1984 respectively. A great deal of praise must go to Brother Bonner for as Senior Warden, he had to step in and do most of the work of the Master in addition to his own. Brother Wood claimed that his regular occupation came before any Lodge responsibility. He did not chose to resign as Worshipful Master though he was unable to fulfill the requirements of his office. In effect, Brother Coy Bonner carried out the duties of Worshipful Master for two consecutive years.

Saturday, November 23, 1974, Brother John O. White really put the Craft through their paces and tested the instruction he had supervised over the year. The Master Mason Degree was conferred in full form on five candidates. Lodge opened at 1:00 P.M., and the work continued until time for an excellent

dinner at 6:00 P.M., served by the Eastern Star. The work continued after dinner and there was praise from everyone on the excellence of the work. Brother and Mrs. A. "Jack" Dillon and Wor. Bro. C. William and Mrs. Helen Chansler must be given a great deal of praise for their work through the years in helping with the many luncheons and dinners of the Masonic Bodies.

The Past Masters and Officers Dinner was held at Teibel's Restaurant in November 1974 and following a beautiful Memorial to the deceased Past Masters, Wor. Bro. Cecil F. Lindsey entertained the crowd by reading and reciting poetry. He was outstanding in this area of expertise.

At the December 1974 Stated Meeting, the petition of Alfred Stocker, born in Hungary in 1893 was read. It was a proud day for "Al" when at age 81, he became a Mason. His enthusiasm was a joy to everyone who witnessed it.

In 1974 McKinley Lodge Initiated 20, Passed 19 to the Degree of Fellowcraft and Raised the following 22 to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

Lawrence Peter Kocal	David Ray Schichner *(WM 1981)
Timothy James Burns	David Wayne Lontz
John Wayne McNece	Walter Eugene Hayes
Howard Oliver Cyrus	Albert Eugene Buffington
Jimmie Coots, Jr.	John Elia Nickoloff
Jack Hojnacki	Everett Richard Lawson
Charles Elwood Ring	Robert Leroy Hyde
Bryan Richard Ray	James Wesley Millsap
James Allen Davis	Ralph Wayne Beck, Jr.
Kennard Ray Coots	Allan Otto Crisman
Lee Paskel De Ford	Lawrence Michael Albertson

Merrill Lloyd Miles was restored to membership.

Dues for 16 Distressed Worthy Brothers were remitted for 1974.
Six were suspended for nonpayment of dues.

The following Brothers Demitted in 1974:

Raymond Cassidy, Jr. (T)	Lloyd Elton Drummond (T)
Larry Milton Green (T)	James Albert Hampton
Roger Edward Marsh (T)	Landon Eugene McWilliams (T)
Franklin Eugene Misner (T)	James Edward Morse (T)
Walter Eugene Stevenson (T)	Alex Anton Zinski

Twenty-seven McKinley Lodge Brothers died in 1974.

Henry Francis Baginski (E.A.)	Owen Parker Bowman

Louis Nelson Cook
Fred Otto Dickson *
Louis Clayton Garmany *
Skavonis J. Gregory
Benjamin Harrison Haupt
William Leroy Kingery, Sr. *
Charles Gale May
Bland Thurman McNabney *
Aloize Anton Para
David John Potts
Francis J.D. Ross
John Van de Lester *
Charles Benjamin Watkins

John Julius Deering
Martin Lee Fessenden *
Russell Kennedy Glass *
James G. Handley, P.M. *
Arthur Edward Kelly *
Joseph Henry Lander
Carl Dewey McFarland *
Merritt David Metz, P.M. *
Phillip Holden Parker
Robert Keith Riley
Emanuel John Thompson *
Donald Walker

(* Memorial Service by Claypool Lodge No. 13, Fort Madison, Iowa)

***** 1975 *****

The Annual Installation of Officers was held Saturday, December 21, 1974 for the 1975 Elected and Appointed Officers. The Installing Master was C. Wayne Cox, P.M.; the Installing Marshal was Hayward E. Glidewell, P.M., the Installing Secretary was Robert E. Franks, P.M., the Installing Chaplain was Frazier F. Andrews, P.M., the Installing Organist was H. Oliver Norton, P.M., of Garfield Lodge, No. 569. The Coordinator for the Installation was Allen M. Domke, P.M., and the Master of Ceremonies was Harry A. Shumaker, P.M.

The Officers Installed were:

W.M. Clarence A. Tapper
S.W. John O. White
J.W. Charles G. Jones
Treas. J. Lloyd Crooks, P.M. 33rd
Sec'y. Raymond W. Woomer
Tyler Thomas E. Nelson

S.D. Donald I. Henry
J.D. Phillip L. Ambler
S.S. B. Dwight Beaman
J.S. William F. McNabney
Chap. Cecil F. Lindsey, P.M.
Organ George Hrehor

A never to be forgotten hour for this writer occurred while he was working in the basement of the home he and his wife had spent the summer raising up 16 inches, when Brother Clarence Tapper came to visit. He discussed in detail the duties, responsibilities and personal satisfaction connected with becoming a member of the Line of Officers of McKinley Lodge.

Should his election as Worshipful Master of McKinley Lodge occur at the next Stated Meeting, (December, 1974) he paid the very high compliment of saying he would like to appoint this writer to the Office of Junior Steward of McKinley for 1975. As the reader can see in the preceding paragraphs, the election and the subsequent appointment came to pass.

The Installation was highlighted not only by the acceptance speech of the new Master and the farewell speech by the outgoing Master, but by the presentation of a gavel to Worshipful Master Clarence by his brother Norman A. Tapper, a member of McKinley Lodge. It was ironic that just one year to the exact day, December 21, 1975, McKinley Lodge held a Masonic Memorial Funeral Service for our Brother Norman A. Tapper.

The petition of Emmett William Somers was read at the January 14, 1975, Stated Meeting. "Boots" Somers in 1982 became Worshipful Master of McKinley Lodge. His easy going manner, ready smile and sense of humor throughout his work in McKinley Lodge will always be remembered. He now lives in Arizona.

A letter form Wor. Bro. Frederick W. Eicke, High Priest of Hammond Chapter No. 117, Royal Arch Masons, was read at the February 11, 1975 Stated Meeting, inviting McKinley Members to view a film on March 12, 1975. The film was "The Saga of the Royal Arch."

Sunday, March 16, 1975, fifty-two members and guests of McKinley Lodge traveled by bus to visit the Indiana Masonic Home in Franklin, Indiana.

The McKinley contribution in the April 1975, Square and Compass was written by Worshipful Master Clarence A. Tapper due to the resignation of Junior Deacon Phillip L. Ambler. The resignation was read and accepted at the April 8, 1975, Stated Meeting. The Worshipful Master then made the following appointments:

B. Dwight Beaman, from Senior Steward to Junior Deacon
William F. McNabney, from Junior Steward to Senior Steward
Marion F. Wilson to Junior Steward

These new appointees were immediately installed by Wor. Bro. Harry A. Shumaker, acting as Installing Master, Wor. Bro. William G. Henry, acting as Installing Marshal, and Wor. Bro. Cecil F. Lindsey, acting as Installing Chaplain.

April 19, 1975, several officers, members and their ladies made a visitation to the Schofield House in Madison, Indiana. Schofield House is the Original Home of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, and the purpose of the visitation was the formal dedication of the renovated house.

Saturday, May 10, 1975, McKinley made a formal visitation to Vincennes Lodge No. 1, F.& A.M., in Vincennes, Indiana. The officers and members participating in the conferring of the MM Degree on McKinley candidate, Emmett William Somers, were highly commended for their fine work.

The Stated Meeting of May 13, 1975, was highlighted by the presentation of

the Grand Lodge Award of Gold to Brother Carl Joseph Rhinesperger by Wor. Master Clarence Tapper acting as Special Deputy for the Grand Master. Joe is still regular in attendance at Lodge.

May 20, 1975, McKinley Lodge received the Grand Master's Award for its outstanding record among Indiana Lodges.

Thirteen Members were presented with 25 year pins at the June 10, 1975 Stated Meeting, and 21 pins were mailed to eligible members. The Feast of Saint John the Baptist was celebrated by McKinley members attending the First United Presbyterian Church on Hohman Avenue on June 22, 1975.

The July Stated Meeting brought the reading of a petition from William Audrey Caston and the first reading by Wor. Bro. Frazier Andrews of a complete revision and update of the By-Laws. This was the first revision since 1954. They were approved at the August Stated Meeting and then adopted after Grand Lodge approval was received.

For the August 1975 Stated Meeting, Brother Dave Schichner is listed as "Organist" due to the illness of Brother George Hrehor.

For sometime now, this writer had been researching and writing a play relating Bicentennial celebration declared by Grand Lodge. It was about the Masons and their influence in the American Revolution. After approaching Worshipful Master Clarence Tapper, about finishing the work of writing, and then possibly directing and producing it in 1976 in commemoration of the Revolution, the full support for the entire project was given by the Wor. Master Tapper, and Senior Warden John O. White. A "Notice" was placed in the Square and Compass requesting that Masons interested in acting in the play get in touch with this writer, and the work was begun.

Honorary membership in McKinley Lodge was given to Most Worshipful Grand Master George F. Becknell, and to Grand Chaplain, Rev. Richard C. Thistle, at the October 14, 1975 Stated Meeting.

Vincennes Lodge No. 1, form Vincennes, Indiana, paid a visit to McKinley Lodge Saturday, October 18, 1975. After a fine dinner, they presented a Masonic Play entitled "Three Distinct Knocks" in the costumes of the 1976 period. A reception in the Arabian Room was held after the Play and many new friends were made as was the renewal of old ones.

The next day, using the Vincennes bus, McKinley took their guests on a tour of the University of Chicago area, the South and North Lake Shore Drive and downtown Chicago before they headed for home.

The Stated Meeting of November 11, 1975 brought the sad news of the necessary relocation of our Junior Warden, Charles G. Jones, to the State of

Texas resulting in his resignation, effective December 9, 1975. At the time, no one knew that he would get the opportunity to return someday, be reappointed in the Line and become Master of McKinley Lodge in 1988. McKinley Lodge was most fortunate in this turn of events.

The Past Masters Dinner was held at the Woodmar Country Club in November, 1975 and the Reverend Brother Richard C.Thistle, Grand Chaplain was the speaker. Hearing Reverend Dr.Thistle is always a great experience.

The usual Christmas Gifts were given to Beulah Oaf and Irma Moffitt, Billie Bielfuss and William Smiley of the Office Staff, and to Wor. Bro. William C. and his wife Helen Chansler for their custodial work at the Temple.

The annual Christmas Party was held for the children (some were forty years old) and families and friend of the Lodge. Santa Clause sure looked like Wor. Bro. William G. Henry, but the Santa Suit and Beard were so close to being real, everyone knew it was really Santa.

The MM Degree was conferred on December 23, 1975, on Gerald Roger Beaman, son of Junior Warden B. Dwight Beaman who was in the East as a proud father on both sections of the Master Mason Degree.

McKinley hosted the Saturday, December 27, 1975, Feast of Saint John the Evangelist. There were 24 McKinley Members and 23 visitors, principally from Garfield Lodge who enjoyed a fine dinner. Following the dinner, "McKinley's Senior Deacon Dr. William F. McNabney, gave a talk about the significance of the Feast of St. John.

In 1975, McKinley Lodge Initiated 21, Passed 16 to the Degree of Fellowcraft and Raised the following 20 to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason: (* denotes a future Master of the Lodge)

Gerald Lawrence Wood *(WM 1983)
Larry Smith
Howard Glen Ness
Joseph Mayer
Alfred Stocker
Richard Lee Sheets
James Douglas Jones
Michael Joseph Turner
James Eugene Charles Fay
Dean White
Simon Leroy Johnson
George Tsirtsis
William Audrey Caston
Coy Ellis Bonner*(WM 1984)
Emmett William Somers *
Charles Ernest Conway
Jeffrey Edward Stoddard
Joseph Benjamin Mosley
Leonard Edwin Turpin
Gerald Roger Beaman

William James Hudhall and Robert Gerald Weist, were restored to membership and James Earl Sheets and Frederick Charles Bowley Affiliated in 1975.

The dues were remitted for 14 Distressed Worthy Brothers plus 29 Fifty Year Members. Seven were suspended for nonpayment of dues.

The following 24 McKinley members died in 1975:

Thomas Staley Anderson * Fleet Ballard, Jr.*
Michael Durco (* By Wausau Lodge #130, Wausau, WI)
Salvatore Gallucci, P.M. (* By Torrence #447, Torrence, CA)
George Carl Gluth * Albert Byron Harrison
Chester Ballard Harrison * Paul Charles Humbert *
Martin Anthony Kansfield Henry Carter Katzbach
Lester Kelley *
Thomas James Long (* By #56 Belen, N.M)
Leroy C. McCullum, P.M. Merrill Lloyd Miles *
Raymond Renold Meisel (* By Benson #431, Benson, N.C.)
Raymond K. Nelson Albert Lester Parker
Glen Roy Smith Walter David Stoddard
Oliver Ross Stout * David E. Swan
Norman Albertus Tapper * Harry C. Tolf *
Marion Westbay

(NOTE) There was no Masonic Memorial Service for Leroy C. McCullum, P.M., for he had donated his body to science and it was immediately transferred to a University. A family Memorial Service was held later and many Brothers were in attendance.

******* 1976 *******

The Installation of the Officers of McKinley Lodge for 1976, was held Saturday December 20, 1975. The Installing Master was Hayward E. Glidewell, P.M., the Installing Marshal was C. Wayne Cox, P.M.; the Installing Chaplain was Frazier F. Andrews, P.M., the Installing Secretary was Robert E. Franks, P.M., the Master of Ceremonies was Harry A. Shumaker, P.M., the Coordinator was Allen M. Domke, P.M., and the Installing Organist was H. Oliver Norton, P.M., of Garfield Lodge.

The Officers Installed for 1976 were as follows:

W.M. John O. White S.D. William F. McNabney
S.W. Donald I. Henry J.D. Marion F. Wilson
J.W. B. Dwight Beaman S.S. David R. Schichner
Treas. J. Lloyd Crooks, P.M. J.S. Carl D. Pritchett
Sec'y. Raymond W. Woomer Chap Cecil F. Lindsey, P.M.
Tyler Thomas E. Nelson, Sr. Organ Edison P. Beckett

The Reverend Brother Howard Ness sang an opening and closing vocal selection accompanied by H. Oliver Norton, P.M., Installing Organist. Retiring Master Clarence A. Tapper presented his wife with a beautiful Bible following his farewell address and he was presented with a Past Masters Apron and Jewel by Robert E. Franks, P.M., on behalf of the Lodge. Following the introduction of family and guests by the newly Installed Worshipful Master John O. White, and the recessional, refreshments were served in the Arabian Room of the Temple.

Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-six was a banner year for our country and for McKinley Lodge. The Feast of St. John had been celebrated on December 27, 1975, with McKinley Lodge as hosts. The dinner preceding the Tiled Table Lodge was served by the Awalim Court No. 9, of the Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America under the leadership of Bette Beaman, wife of our newly installed Senior Warden, B. Dwight Beaman.

The work for this writer really began in earnest for the date for presenting the Bicentennial Play in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of our countries independence, was set for February 28, 1976. Over seventy-five phone calls or visits to Lodge members were made in order to obtain the 47 volunteers to take speaking parts in the play. After all, few if any of these Brothers had ever acted on stage, other than participation in Masonic Degree work at Lodge or with the Scottish Rite in South Bend.

Once the cast had been obtained, rehearsals in the home of this writer began and continued almost every night with a different group of one or two or with up to five cast members.

Costume patterns of the Colonial Era had to be purchased and over twenty-five wives volunteered to make thirty-five of the required costumes. Several costumes i.e., the British Soldiers and for some of the principals, had to be rented which meant trips to Chicago Costume Companies to select those costumes and arrange for them to be picked up and returned. The ladies did a fantastic job. The costumes were very professional looking.

Members of Garfield Lodge volunteered to take the British Soldier parts. Advertising signs had to be made and taken to local merchants who agreed to place them in their windows. Twelve hundred tickets had to be printed and distributed for the $1.00 "Donation" being requested from adults. Admittance was by ticket only.

Arrangements had to be made to rent the twelve hundred seat auditorium from the Masonic Building Association for a regular full cast rehearsal, a dress rehearsal and the actual presentation. Stage Crew members had to be secured, and arrangements had to be made to borrow six, twelve foot by six foot and four ten foot by four foot flats from the Hammond High School Stage Director. A truck had to be borrowed to haul them to the Temple, get the

Hammond High School Stage Hands to paint each of them and set them in position on the stage.

This writer also secured the help of Mr. Larry Thwing, School City of Hammond Media Director to Video Tape the dress rehearsal. Video taping was brand new in early 1976. Industrial Equipment at that time, used three quarter inch wide tape and we secured the help of Inland Steel Company in getting the use of their video equipment. A few years later Mr. Thwing copied the tapes for this writer on to regular one half inch tape used in all VCR's today, and the tapes are still in possession of this writer.

The Hammond High School Stage Dance Band of fifteen pieces under the direction of Brother James Qualkinbush volunteered to play for forty-five minutes prior to the opening of the play and for twenty minutes at the Intermission.

The play still did not have a name. After many tries and several inquiries for a name, this writer in desperate need to get the tickets printed used the long full explanation for the title. This was, "Masonic Influence on the Early Development of the United States of America." (A Bicentennial Play)

Following the dress rehearsal, this writers wife Rose was greatly concerned that this wasn't going to come off very well. Too many of the actors had not yet memorized their parts or they were beginning to feel the first pangs of stage freight. (So was this writer)

Nevertheless, it all came out fine. By door count, there were one thousand fifteen present including the band, stage hands, makeup men etc. In carefully checking the minutes over the first six months of 1976, $987.50 was turned in for tickets sold. The "donation", as previously mentioned was $1.00 for adults and there was no charge for those under twelve years of age. There had to be more costs than those this writer saw specifically designated in the minutes which are listed as follows:

Broadway Costume Co.	$140.00
" " "	$182.22
Patterns for home made costumes & supplies to William F. McNabney	$ 85.62
(Also to William F. McNabney for Expenses on the play (Paint and supplies)	$113.13
Superior Lumber Co.	$ 24.96
Hammond High Stage Band (Donation)	$ 20.00
Doyle Bell, Services (Masonic Play)	$ 15.00
Tim Whitfield, Services (Masonic Play)	$ 15.00
Jack Pearman, Services (Masonic Play)	$ 15.00

(The above three individuals worked for two full days setting scenery, hauling scenery, painting scenery etc.

Masonic Building Asoc. (Extra Rental) $ 67.00
Program and Ticket Printing (Ralph Beer) $ 41.25
This writer cannot remember, but is sure there were additional Costs for the play but they could not be found in the minutes. There had to be other costs, but memory fails.

Costs listed in the minutes for the play $677.93
Receipts in the minutes from the Tickets $987.50

The play was a three-act play with three scenes in the first act, four scenes in the second act, and three scenes in the third act.

Act I
Scene One, John Narrators Living Room (John is telling his son of the formation of the Grand Lodge of England, 1717, at the Goose and Gridiron Alehouse in London, where permission was granted (1733) to establish a Grand Lodge in the North American Colonies.

Scene Two, Governor Dinwiddie's Office in Williamsburg, Colony of Virginia 1753.

Scene Three, (1755) The Courtyard Adjacent to Market Square and Governor Dinwiddies Office.

Act II
Scene One, Boston 1768, the room in John Hancock's store used by Masons as a Lodge room.

Scene Two, The Boston Commons 1770, a gathering place for British soldiers who enforced the curfew.

Scene Three, John Hancock's Store where the Boston Tea Party supposedly started and ended.

Scene Four, Carpenter's Hall, Philadelphia, 1774, the First Continental Congress.

Act III
Scene One, Headquarters of English General Gage in Boston, April 18, 1775 - - - Then to the living room of Paul Revere where discussions are held about using the belfry of Old North Church to signal the route the British would take.

Scene Two, Philadelphian and the Second Continental Congress in July 1776.

Scene Three, A courtyard where those involved in writing the Declaration of Independence meet. - - The Pageant of Signs of Revolutionary Battles while

Thomas Jefferson reads the Declaration.

In order to perpetuate the memory of all those who participated the following list of characters from the program are reprinted here with a (D) to signify that the Mason in the play is now deceased. A * denotes the actor played two parts. Those who participated still talk about the play in a most positive manner.

PLAYER	CHARACTER PORTRAYED
C. William Chansler, P.M. (D)	John Narrator, Sr.
John O. White,* Wor. Master	John Narrator, Jr.
Carl Pritchett,* J.S.	Grand Master (England)
Cecil F. Lindsey,* P.M. (D)	Sir Christopher Wren
John Apostolos (D)	Lord Montager (England)
Leonard Turpin	Entered Apprentice
David Schichner S.S.	Fellowcraft
Harry Shumaker, P.M. (D)	Master Mason
Carl Pritchett,* J.S.	Martin (Aide to Governor)
Gerald Wood	Royal Gov. Dinwiddie of Va.
B. Dwight Beaman, J.W.	George Washington
Phillip Ambler	Patrick Henry
Emil Barney	Richard Henry Lee
Jeff Stoddard	John Hancock
Harold Young	General Gage (English)
Larry Kaminski,S.S. (Garfield 569)	Colonel Smith (English)
Gary Tapley, J.S. (Garfield 569)	Major Pitcarin (English)
John Djenka, J.D.(D)(Garfield 569)	Captain Preston (English)
Lee Langner, Chap. (Garfield 569)	Sentry (English)
Ken Wilson (Garfield 569)	Orderly (English)
James King (Garfield 569)	British Soldier
John O. White, Wor. Master	Son of Barber Tinkham
Kirby Thomas (D)	Crispus Attucks
John Sarver (Garfield 569)	Gov. Hutchinson (Boston)
Ray Bright (Garfield 569)	John Dickenson
H.Oliver Norton, P.M.(Garfield 569)	Ben Franklin
Larry Kocal	Joseph Galloway
Homer Merideth (Lodge # 240, Pa.)	Thomas Paine
Coy Bonner	Paul Revere
Cecil F. Loindsey, P.M.*	Dr. Joseph Warren
William E. Fullgraf	Bro.Newman (Sexton Old North Church)
James E.C. Fay	William Dawes
John Gwyn, P.M.	Joshua Bently
Howard Kahle (D)	Thomas Richardson
Clarence Tapper, P.M.	Thomas Barnard
James Qualkinbush *	John Larkin
Alfred Stocker	Secretary

Bill McCoy	Roger Sherman
James E. McNabney *	Robert Livingston
Tom Clawson	John Brown
William G. Henry, P.M.	Thomas Johnson
Thomas E. Nelson, Sr., Tyler	James Madison
Marion Wilson, J.D.	Sam Adams
Emmett W. Somers	John Adams
Michael Turner	Thomas Cushing
Raymond W. Woomer, Sec'y.	James Otis
William F. McNabney, Ed.D. S.D.	Thomas Jefferson & Author

ALSO ASSISTING

James E. McNabney	Organist
Vernon Wilson (Garfield 569)	Make-up
C. Wayne Cox, P.M.	Make-up
Alfred Bramm (Garfield & MBA)	Stage & Lighting
Fred Hopper (D) (Garfield & MBA)	Stage & Lighting
Ray Zweige (Garfield & MBA)	Stage & Lighting
Harry Amstein	Stage & Lighting
John Lyday (D)	Signs
Donald I. Henry, P.M.	Tickets
J. Lloyd Crooks, P.M. (D)	Accounting
Bethel # 14, Jobs Daughters	Ushers
Willis R. Ford DeMolay	Runners and Assistance
Doyle Bell & Jack Whitfield	Hammond High School Stage Preparation.
Dave Purkey & Jack Pearman	Hammond High School Stage Prep.
James Qualkinbush *	Hammond High School Stage Band
"THE WIVES"	Sewing and Making Costumes

The only hitch in the presentation was between two of the scenes when Wor. Master John O. White had to be transformed into a young boy. The Make-up people and costume change was over eight minutes late as we awaited John's entry. In a moment of panic, and giving in to pressures all around him to do something, this writer stepped in and took John's part.

It was a foolish act that has always been regretted and for which this writer most humbly makes public apology. This writer should have stepped out on stage and told the audience of the delay and waited for John to take the time necessary to change costumes, get on the new makeup and make his entry.

Over all, the play was a huge success and was really the last big performance held in the auditorium of the Masonic Temple on Muenich Court in Hammond. There were two Easter Plays presented in the auditorium after that by the York Rite Bodies, but nothing of the magnitude of the play, Masonic Influence on the Early Development of the United States of America.

This writer will be eternally grateful for all the support he received from McKinley Lodge from the beginning of the writing until the end of the presentation.

Now that far too much space in this book has been devoted to the play, we will get on to the other important things that occurred in 1976.

At the March 9, 1976 Stated Meeting, a letter of invitation was read from George Pokas, P.M., Garfield Lodge No. 569, Bicentennial Committee Chairman to attend an "All Degree Day" in commemoration of the Bicentennial, on June 26, 1976 to take parts in the Degree work.

March 21, 1976, McKinley members went by bus to Franklin, Indiana to visit the Masonic Home. Our Ladies went with us and a good time was had by all. Brother Dave Schichner and this writer took our guitars and we had singing all the way there and back except for the fact that this writer kept losing the pick for his guitar and thus became the butt of a number of good-natured jokes after we got back.

The big event of the Bicentennial Year for McKinley Lodge was a bus trip to Washington D.C. over the Easter Weekend. In October of 1975, this writer and his wife were in Alexandria, Virginia and found a new Holiday Inn being built was in the last stages of construction. On our return to Hammond, we naturally recommended this new Motel to the Lodge members for their stay in April.

There was a full bus load leaving the Temple around six P.M. on Thursday, April 15, 1976. We arrived in Alexandria, Virginia on Good Friday around noon. Unfortunately, the new motel had not been staffed very well. Some of the couples found their bed had been made with previously used sheets. Some rooms were not ready. Two of the Brothers found a partially eaten Pizza in a drawer. Naturally, this was very embarrassing for this writer.

The Trailways Bus System contracted by Wor. Master John White had promised a tour of the Nations Capitol on Saturday before our dinner in the George Washington Masonic Memorial. The bus driver said he knew nothing about this tour and had no license to drive into some of the areas of the Capitol City.

This writer had been in charge of the "Senior Trip" to the Capitol for the five High Schools in Hammond for a few years and was able to both persuaded and direct our driver passed a few of the monuments and secure tickets for a tour through the White House and the Capitol Building. There was quite a wait to get into the White House, and many of the Brothers and their wives got to walk around the gardens or listen to the bands performing on the lawn before we could start the tour.

In the White House, we were escorted through the Red Room, the Green Room, Blue Room and the State Dinning Room. In the Capitol Building rotunda, we were able to see the beautiful paintings depicting our nations history and look up into the 200-foot high dome. We also were able to see the Hall of Statues so all in all, we had a bit of a tour.

We returned to the Holiday Inn in Alexandria and dressed for the evening dinner in the George Washington Masonic Memorial Building. We had a chance to tour the Masonic Memorial Building and see all the floors and how each represented a phase of Masonry. It is a beautiful Building and a visit is highly recommended. This writer has been there five times and still has not absorbed all he has seen. To have dinner and take part in conferring a degree in the George Washington Masonic Memorial was wonderful.

The dinner was served to McKinley Members and their wives by the Martha Washington Chapter No. 42, Order of Eastern Star who were dressed in colonial costumes. The ladies then were taken to the parlor where they visited while the Brothers were in Lodge. The Lodge had received a Dispensation from the Indiana and the Virginia Grand Lodges to take McKinley's Charter to Alexandria and confer the MM Degree. Wor. Master John O. White opened McKinley Lodge in the Lodge Room of the Memorial and the MM Degree was conferred on our candidate, James Albert Courtright, who incidentally was the brother of the Mayor of Harrisburg, the Capitol of Pennsylvania.

The Lodge Brothers were disappointed in the fact that there was but one visitor from the Alexandria Lodge present that Saturday night. The reason was that everyone was preparing for the Easter Sunrise Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. This was an annual event sponsored by the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of all the States. This being the Bicentennial Year, all States had large contingents present for the event.

We boarded the bus at around 5:15 A.M., Easter morning, and headed for the National Cemetery in Arlington. We were early enough to obtain good seats in the amphitheater of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and could easily see and hear everything. What magnificent sight it was to see the Chapeaus of hundreds of Knight Templars coming six abreast over the hill toward the amphitheater and then see the rest of their bodies in full dress uniform as they reached the top of the rise.

After all were seated, the United States Marine Band played a number of selections and were joined by the United States Army Chorus singing a number of hymns appropriate to this Easter Ceremony. Following the sermon by Rev. Sir Knight Basil L. Johnson, DD., Grand Prelate, we all went to the front of the Amphitheater to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and watched the very impressive Changing of the Guard. We then watched the placement of a large wreath of white lilies in the form of a cross on the tomb by Sir

Knight Clarence C. Shaffer and Sir Knight Roy W. Riegle, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., in memory of Sir Knight George C. Shafer, the father of Clarence Shaffer. This ceremony was with the assistance of the Marine Captain of the Guard.

There are still a number of McKinley members around who were very impressed with the events of that Easter Weekend. Since we had checked out of the Motel at five A.M., we now returned to the bus for the trip home and arrived in Hammond around 2:30 A.M., Monday morning, tired but happy.

The cost to the Trailways Bus system was $1780.00. The bill to the Martha Washington, O.E.S. Chapter was $200.00. Receipts to the Lodge from those who went on the pilgrimage totaled $1,088.00 so the Lodge did bear part of the cost.

It was at the Stated Meeting of May 11, 1976, that Wor. Master John White on motion made, seconded and passed, appointed Brother Thomas E. Nelson, Sr., Tyler Emeritus. It was also at this meeting that McKinley sent $537.05 for the 10-10 Program of the Indiana Masonic Home and also sent $136.80 in additional donations. The 10 - 10 Program was defined as members who would pledge ten cents per week for ten years to the Indiana Masonic Home.

Twenty-five Year Pins were presented to 12 members present at the June 8, 1976, Stated Meeting. Pins were mailed to an additional thirty-three eligible members. On June 22, 1976, the MM Degree was conferred on Thomas Edward Loss, son of McKinley's good friend Ralph Loss, P.M. of Arcadia Lodge, who participated in Raising his son to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

June 26, 1976, was the All Degree Day hosted by Garfield Lodge in Commemoration of the Bicentennial. A goodly number of McKinley Members as well as Masons from many of the Lodges in Lake County were in attendance for the three degrees.

Wor. Master John O. White, was made the Special Deputy for the Grand Master of Masons in Indiana for his presentation of the Grand Lodge Award of Gold to Brother "John" Henry May. The award was presented at his home by our Wor. Master with Chaplain Cecil F. Lindsey, P.M., and Brother Raymond W. Woomer, Sec'y. present.

A Lodge of Instruction for Garfield and McKinley Lodges was held on the MM Degree was held on August 30, 1976 by the newly appointed Assistant Grand Lecturer, Robert A. Rogers, from Terre Haute, Indiana. It was the beginning of a fine relationship with Wor. Bro. Rogers.

A dinner in honor of our Tyler Emeritus, Thomas E. Nelson, Sr. was held Saturday, September 11, 1976, following the conferring of the MM Degree on

Jerome Edward Bielak. Brother Tom was Tyler of McKinley Lodge for twenty-five years. From as far back as this writer can remember, he also remembers "Mr. Nelson" in attendance every Sunday at Hyde Park Methodist Church. He was always pleasant to this writer as a young boy and later as a Lodge Brother and Tyler when the boy became Master of McKinley Lodge. No one was more supportive to this writer in both the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and as Tyler of McKinley Lodge. Tom was always a "Blue Lodge" member at heart.

Abbie Hanson Chapter No. 578, O.E.S., Officers Club cooked and served a great dinner the night we honored Tom Nelson.

This writer does not recall, nor could he find evidence of when the Past Masters Dinner was held in 1976, but the minutes of the December 14, 1976 Stated Meeting, show a bill to "Butch" Lange's restaurant for $522.00 and one to John O. White for $50.00. Both bills were allocated to the Past Masters Dinner. Bro. "Butch Lang spoke on his hunting expeditions and the many trophies he had mounted in his restaurant.

The Grand Lodge Award of Gold was mailed after the November 1976 Stated Meeting to eligible Brother Phil Robaska who had moved to Florida.

In 1976, McKinley Lodge Initiated 30, passed 26 to the Degree of Fellowcraft, and Raised the following 21 to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

Charles Marion Goodman
Jack Ray Johnson
James Albert Courtwright
Dennis Donald Cole
James Delano Johnson
James Richard Brogan
Denver Ray Settle
George Leo Barron
Ester Gross Saylor, Jr.
Thomas Edward Ross
Donald Lee Tulowitzki
Rickey Roscoe Rodell
Carl Benton Carney
Rolf Griessman
Roger Dale Phillips
Vern Earl Rickel
John William Morris
Thomas Edward Loss
Jerome Edward Bielak
Dennis Michael Callahan

Nicholas Joseph Rizzo and Arthur Wenner were restored to membership in 1976.

The dues were remitted for 10 Distressed Worthy Brothers, and 32 Fifty-year Members. Four members were suspended in 1976.

The following demitted in 1976.
Robert Henry Edward Childs, Sr.(T)
Arthur Leroy Jerome (T)
Noel Douglas McClary (T)
Roy Thomas Cooper,Jr. F.C.
Thomas Henry Jerome (T)

The following 34 members died in 1976: (A * Denotes Masonic Memorial Service)

Edison Pitt Beckett *	Peter Harry Beratis *
Kenneth Robert Blitsch *	George Everett Camplin *
Claude Francis Cantrell	Edward Chaples
Oscar Walton Clements *	Cleo illiam Copple
Harry Ferdinand Derner	Roy Frederick Domke
Forrest Afton Dougherty	Vernon Walter Dufrain
Charles Elvin Edmonds *	John Vernon Gauler
Claude James Harris *	Ralph Havling, P.M.
Garvis Eugene Johnson	Leroy George Klam
William Marion Lawrence	John Liaskos
Kenneth Charles Millard	Charles Almer Morey
Herbert Dewey Murphy	James Austin Neely *
Marion Alger Norris *	Edward Ashton Parker
Paul Reginald Rogers, Jr. *	Arron Roth
Walter Vernon Scheffel	Clyde Dwight Shearer
Robert Hendry Stanners *	Alfred Stocker *
William Cecil Taylor	John Dekker Terpstra

***** 1977 *****

The Annual Installation of the McKinley Lodge Officers for 1977 was held Saturday, December 18, 1976. The Installing Master was Robert E. Franks. P.M., the Installing Marshal was William G. Henry, P.M., the Installing Chaplain was Harry A. Shumaker, P.M., the Installing Secretary was Audrian G. Burroughs, P.M., the Coordinator was Allen M. Domke, P.M., the Master of Ceremonies was Frazier F. Andrews, P.M., and the Installing Organist was H. Oliver Norton, P.M. from Garfield Lodge.

The Officers Installed for 1977 were:

W.M. Donald I. Henry	S.D. Marion F. Wilson
S.W. B. Dwight Beaman	J.D. David R. Schichner
J.W. William F. McNabney	S.S. Carl D. Pritchett
Treas. J. Lloyd Crooks, P.M. 33rd	J.S. Emmett W. Somers
Sec'y. Raymond W. Woomer	Chap Cecil F. Lindsey, P.M.
Tyler Thomas E. Nelson, Sr.	Organ James W. Millsap

Many McKinley Members had signed up to give $2.00 to the Masonic Heritage Foundation for the continued renovation of the Schofield House. In April of

1977, McKinley forwarded $1,233.00 toward that project.

June 18, 1977 was reserved for as Craft Day. In the afternoon, Homer Lee Ilant and Terry Lee Grieshaber were Raised to the Sublime Degree with the Craft doing all the work. A fine dinner was then served honoring the Craft and after dinner, 25 Year Pins were presented to seven eligible members present. Pins were mailed to 34 other eligible members.

In the evening, Wor. Master Donald I. Henry had the distinct pleasure of presiding in the East on both sections of the Master Mason Degree for the candidate was his son, Robert Earl Henry.

Saint John the Baptist Day was celebrated by the Lodge attending services at the Woodmar Methodist Church in Hammond. The Reverend James S. Hook had invited us to be present and he delivered a most enjoyable and inspiring message on John the Baptist.

In September, McKinley was the host Lodge for the Lodge of Instruction by Ass't. Grand Lecturer "Bob" Rogers. The Lodge received a congratulatory letter from the Senior Grand Deacon, Charles O. Riddle, for the excellence of our work in the Fellowcraft Degree.

December of 1977 was as busy as any previous December. On December 1, 1977, McKinley had it's annual Christmas Party. The children were entertained by a Magician, Mr. Rich Tutacho and Company, and by the Marie Deal School of Dancing, songs and of course, Santa Clause. Jim and Bill McNabney, were not asked to play and lead the singing again this year as they had the year before. That should have told us something. Santa was great, but again he looked a lot like Wor. Bro. Bill Henry.

The Past Masters Dinner was held on December 3, 1977, and among those present were four McKinley members who had a total of 226 years in Lodge. Brothers Fred Miller, a 57 year Mason, his Brother Ferdinand Miller, also a 57 year Mason, Wor. Bro. Floyd K. Gwinner, a 55 year Mason, and Honorary Member Brother Otto German, a 57 year Mason rounded out the total of 226 years.

The Past Masters were entertained by the Orak Chanters under the direction of McKinley Bro. James Qualkinbush after a beautiful Ceremony by Bro. Dave Schichner honoring our deceased Past Masters. The speaker of the evening was the Rev. Bro. Dr. Richard C. Thistle. Many of the widows of the deceased Past Masters were present that evening.

At the December 1977 Stated Meeting, Wor. Bro. J. Lloyd Crooks presented a new projector to McKinley Lodge. At this point, this writer must interject a statement relative to two "Unofficial Visitations" made by McKinley members to Judson Lodge No. 518, Judson, Indiana.

This writer keeps hearing about one of the visits via Chicago and Calumet District Transit Bus Company, where McKinley Members had to disembark from the Bus at the bridge on the outskirts of Judson because the bridge was unsafe. The members walked across the bridge and after the bus the carefully drove across, the Brothers got back on the bus and went on into the three building town. The Lodge met on the top floor of the two story wood frame building that housed a general store on the ground floor.

Judson was the home town of Wor. Bro. J. Lloyd Crooks and one of his five brothers, all Past Master had invited McKinley. This writer could find no reference to either visit in the minutes, but Wor. Bros. Audrian Burroughs, William G. Henry and C. Wayne Cox all tell the same story so there is no doubt there was at least one visitation. It had to be in either 1969, 1970, or 1972 when the first visitation took place. Wor. Brother Hayward Glidewell said it did not happen in his year as Master (1971).

Returning to the chronology, the December 1977 Square and Compass has a review of the publication from its beginnings that should be made a part of this book. The year 1978 marked the 60th year for the publication of the Square and Compass. The original editor, in 1908, was Willis E. Rowe, a Past Master of East Chicago Lodge No. 595, who published the Square and Compass for 40 years until his death in 1948. Wor. Bro. Clarence Cole, a Past Master of Garfield Lodge No. 569, then took over for 20 years till 1968. Brother Bernard Renshaw then published it until December 1970 when Wor. Bro. Otto Burkybile took over until 1992. In the January 1991 Issue, Wor. Bro. Otto, the Editor wrote an article about the Square and Compass and ended it with a cry for somebody to take it over. The last sentence, in bold letters says "IS THERE SOMEONE OUT THERE???"

Otto's final issue was the June 1991 issue. The Square and Compass had been in print for 72 years and six months. Otto had published it for the last twenty years.

When the publication did change hands, McKinley chose to go with its own "Newsletter." The Editor of our McKinley Newsletter is Brother Richard Allenbaugh, but most of the work is done by Wor. Bro. William E. Fullgraf.

Getting back to Wor. Master Donald I. Henry's year, the Feast of Saint John was held on December 27, 1977 with McKinley Lodge as host. Wor. Bro. Clarence A. Tapper, of McKinley Lodge No. 712, and in 1977 Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana was the speaker for the evening.

During 1977, McKinley Lodge Initiated 20, Passed 16 to the Degree of Fellowcraft, and Raised the following 18 to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

Harold Bondie Clark
Elmer Ray Simpson
Harvey Wayne Britton
Arnold George Corder
William Edward Lacewell
William Melvin Strong
Homer Lee Ilant, Jr.
Michael Gordon Sutherland
Richard Lee Gongwer
Bryan David Ciers
Edward Ray Baker
Gary Neil McGinty
Joseph Takacs, Jr.
William Paul Arthur
Robert Earl Henry
Terry Lee Grieshaber
Kevin Patrick Bruce
Heinz Juergen Manske

Gary Edmond Jones, Ed.D., Affiliated with McKinley in 1977.

Julius Bland and Walter Felix Martinez were restored to membership, and dues were remitted for 10 Distressed Worthy Brothers and 29 Fifty-year Members in 1977.

The following demitted in 1977:
Allen Oliver Bailey (T)
John Amos Good, Sr.
Joseph Frank Long (T)
Harry Louis Withrow (T)
Fred Lacy Ball (T)
Joseph Carlton Hippensteel, Jr
Jess Adelbert Swinson (T)
Jerome George Zein (T)

Four were suspended for nonpayment of dues, and the following 31 members died in 1977. (A * denotes Masonic Memorial Service)

John Wesley Bolby *
Paul Darmoc
Joseph Durkos
Allie Fultz, Jr.
Billy Joe Glidewell *
John Louis Gwyn, P.M. *
Joseph Charles Kalbak
Elmer Albert Kender *
John Henry May *
Clay Jurious Medcalf
Cecil Owens *
Glenn E. Ricketts *
Sam Shlaes
Ralph Franklin Strode
Thomas Henry Vance *
Robert Earl Webber
Marshall Morris Bruce
Czar Chambers Doak *
John Clinn Ellyson
Harry Richard Gerber
Cecil Venton Gundy
William Henry Jarnecke
Charles Joseph Kaufman
Richard Leonard Klebs *
Joseph Mayer *
Harold Henry Norden
Osborn J. Pierce
Steve Roman
Foster William Smith
Charles William Tompkins
Ernest George Wartsbaugh *

Membership in McKinley Lodge totaled 1141 on December 31,1977.

***** 1978 *****

The Annual Installation of the elected and appointed Officers for McKinley Lodge for 1978, took place on December 17, 1977. The Installing Master was Russell M. Foss, P.M., the Installing Marshal was William G. Henry, P.M., the Installing Chaplain was Frazier F. Andrews, P.M., the Installing Secretary was Robert E. Franks, P.M., the Coordinator was Hayward E. Glidewell, P.M., the Master of Ceremonies was Harry A. Shumaker, P.M., and the Installing Organist was Brother Robert Mauck of Arcadia Lodge, No. 1138 A.F.& A.M., of Lansing, Illinois.

The Officers Installed for 1978 were as follows:

W.M. B. Dwight Beaman
S.W. William F. McNabney
J.W. Marion F. Wilson
Treas. J. Lloyd Crooks, P.M. 33rd
Sec'y. Raymond W. Woomer
Tyler Thomas E. Nelson
S.D. David R. Schichner
J.D. Emmett W. Somers
S.S. Gerald L. Wood
J.S. Coy E. Bonner
Chap Cecil F. Lindsey, P.M.
Organ George Hrehor

A beautiful gavel was presented to the new Worshipful Master B. Dwight Beaman by his son, Brother Gerald R. Beaman. Past Master's Jewel, Apron and a gift from the Officers was presented to the outgoing Master Donald I. Henry by his son, Brother Robert E. Henry. Following the Installation, refreshments were served in the Arabian Room.

At the February 14, 1978 Stated Meeting, the Grand Lodge Assessment of $12,692.75 was read along with our cash balance of $10,380.99 as of January 10, 1978. We were still dipping into our interest to pay our bills.

It was Thursday, February 23, 1978, the Scottish Rite held their first Men's Ecumenical Lenten Breakfast with the Knights of Columbus. Illustrious Bro. "Bob" Arnold, 33rd Degree, was the man who initiated this excellent program of fraternal fellowship with the Knights of Columbus. Later, our own Wor.Bro. Hayward Glidewell, 33rd Degree took over the leadership for a number of years followed by Illustrious Brother Dave Shafer, 33rd Degree. At present Wor. Bro. Marion McCosh who has been nominated for the 33rd Degree is the Chairman for the Scottish Rite.

Mr. Thomas O'Rourke, prior to his death in 1992, was the original Co-Chairman for the Knights of Columbus. He had held the highest office of the Knights of Columbus in the State. He was the State Deputy for the Knights of Columbus and a Past Grand Knight. Tom was the man who originated the "Tootsie Roll" sale by the K.C.'s to benefit retarded children.

For the past few years, our wonderful friend Mr. Edward Evans, a most remarkable man who studied at both Oxford and Cambridge Universities in England has been the Co-Chairman representing the Knights of Columbus. "Ed" Evans was the Faithful Navigator of the Abraham Lincoln Assembly,

Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus. He was also a state warden in the organization and was Grand Knight of the Hobart Council No. 1347, Knights of Columbus.

This writer was pleased to speak to the Hobart Council No. 1347, Knights of Columbus and to their Sierra Club at the Star Plaza Inn, in Merrillville, Indiana at the invitation of Ed Evans. Although Ed Evans is a "K.C.", he certainly lives the principles of morality and virtue we teach in Masonry.

The Ecumenical meetings have been switched to Saturday mornings during the Lenten Season and have been excellent. This writer hopes they will continue into perpetuity.

A resolution to amend Article 6, Section 1 of the By-Laws was read at the April 11, 1978 Stated Meeting. It called for an increase of our annual dues to $15.00 per member. McKinley Lodge had used $1,894.00 of the interest on our Certificates of Deposits in 1977 for operating expenses and the balance of our MBA Rent totaling $3,500.00 was yet to be paid. We had already paid $455.00. Later the Grand Lodge approved the proposed By-Law amendment and the Lodge voted for the change.

In May we received an invitation from Calumet Lodge No. 379 of Chesterton, Indiana to attend a 6:00 A.M. Memorial Day outdoor MM Degree with breakfast to be served between sections of the Degree.

Approval of $50.00 for the Wor. Master and also for this writer as Senior Warden to attend Grand Lodge was voted. No mention was made of how the Sec'y. was to be paid but he was there.

Fifty-year Grand Lodge Awards were presented by Wor. Bro. J. Lloyd Crooks, 33rd, as Special deputy of the Grand Master, to Wor. Bro. Charles Vincent McArty, P.M., of McKinley Lodge, and to Brothers Bryan Williams of Sands Spring Lodge No. 475 of Sand Springs, Oklahoma and John H. Tucker of St. John's Lodge No. 1, of Portsmouth New Hampshire.

The June 13, 1978 Stated Meeting, brought the presentation of 25 Year Awards to nine McKinley Members present and the Award was mailed to 29 eligible members who were not present to receive it. On July 11, 1978, 50 Year Awards were presented to Bros. Meredith Anderson and William Kronsell by Wor. Bro. William G. Henry, acting as Special Deputy to the Grand Master.

A letter form Orak Temple dated September 11, 1978 began a tumultuous period for McKinley Lodge. A Letter received from Orak Temple contained an "Analysis and Recommendations" relating to the Masonic Officers Association, the Masonic Building Association and the financial arrangements and rental assessment for use of the Hammond Temple. The analysis was prepared by George F. Becknell, Past Grand Master 1975-76 of the Grand

Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Indiana, and a member of the Orak Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

This analysis had been authorized by a vote at a meeting of the Divan of Orak Temple and the Officers of the Masonic Officers Association on July 27, 1978.

The analysis of the By-Laws of both the Masonic Officers Association and the Masonic Building Association by Noble Becknell stated "In voting for Directors, the three bodies of the York Rite control 50 percent of the votes, yet their financial contribution in the 1978 revised MBA Budget was only $1,363.00 of a total budget of $80,700.00 or 1.69 percent."

"The following two suggestions and the following observations apply to the Masonic Officers Association and are submitted herewith for consideration.
1. Dissolve the Masonic Officers Association.
2. Transfer all funds now in the name of the Masonic Officers Association to the Masonic Building Association."

(NOTE) This writer does not have the space to recreate all of the Material and does not want to take things out of context but will include what he feels pertinent to this issue.

The Masonic Officers Association By-Laws were adopted on September 22, 1941, and the Masonic Building Association By-Laws were adopted on June 11, 1951, and amended on April 9, 1962 and again on June 28, 1965.

The purpose of the Officers Association "shall be to promote such matters which pertain to the general welfare of the Masonic Fraternity in Hammond, Indiana; to encourage greater unity among the Masonic Bodies, and to further the uniformity of methods necessary to attain the ideals of the Fraternity."

It was to consist of a President, Vice President, Sec'y-Treasurer, and an Ambassador from each of the Blue Lodges, each York Rite Body and From Orak Temple. These were to be the presiding officers of each of the Bodies with the first three officers listed above to be elected annually by majority vote ate the Annual Session in January.

There could also be Associate or Honorary Members other than officers, and those who had served the Association in the past would be Emeritus members.

The points of contention were:

1. The By-Laws provided that the bodies be "requested to contribute funds in the ratio of the annual net income of dues and fees of each Masonic Body" of the last fiscal year.

2. The control as far as the voting arrangement was concerned was obviously in the hands of the Blue Lodges and/or York Rite.

3. The MBA was formed to the issue and transfer stock, to determine the stock dividends, stockholder meetings and the business related to real estate purchase, selection of a building manager and staff and the finances and operation of the Temple. The MBA Board of Directors consisted mainly of the heads of the Masonic Bodies and outvoted the Shrine Representation.

Getting back to Past Grand Master George Becknell's recommendations, he also proposed that we "Close of the Masonic Building Association office on the first floor of the building and that the secretaries of the two Blue Lodges and the York Rite Bodies perform the duties of their office, that is, issue their own dues notices, write and mail their own dues cards, maintain their Address-o-graph plates and files, collect their dues, maintain their membership records and write their minutes."

He recommended that we "change the system of rental assessment to the bodies." There were financial figures in his analysis to support his recommendations. The problem was that for years the old system of financial assessment had seemed to work quite well and this would be quite a change. The uproar was further augmented when the Officers of Orak Temple sent another letter, dated September 18, 1978, stating that they felt the analysis of Noble George Becknell, PGM, "fairly presents the points of contention between our organizations and that it presents suggestions and observations with which we fully concur and we further contend that THESE ARE NOT TO BE SUBJECT TO FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS."

The letter further fanned the flames when the Officers of Orak Temple requested the MBA review and study the analysis and reach agreement and "within the following timetable", provide Orak Temple an answer in writing.

The timetable did not permit the Lodges to read the demands at one Stated Meeting and be held over till the next for any vote.

"1. Not later than October 1, 1978, advise the Potentate of Orak Temple in writing:

(a) Your concurrence in all of the specifics of this analysis and your willingness to implement all of the suggestions in their entirety as contained there-in, or:

(b) Your rejection of this analysis in its entirety."

If the decision of the Masonic Bodies was to concur, the Shrine gave us till October 15, 1978 to dissolve the Masonic Officers Association and turn its funds over to the MBA. They also said that by November 15, 1978 the By-laws of the MBA were to be revised as per their requirements and that no later than December 1, 1978 a meeting be called of all stockholders of the

MBA for the formation of a new Board of Directors. Finally, they required a revision of the 1979, Operating Budget, "based on the premise that Orak Temple's assessment will not include any budgetary items relative to an MBA office staff or its functions or contributory work performed for the benefit of any organization within the Temple Building. Orak Temple's assessment will be only for the operational expenses of the building arrived at by a proportional distribution of the Masonic Building Association budget on a per-capita basis."

Needless to say, their letter was viewed as an ultimatum by the Masonic Bodies in the Temple. A letter from the Officers of the Blue Lodges, the York Rite Bodies, and the MBA was mailed to the Officers of Orak Temple dated September 28, 1978, two days before the October 1, 1978 deadline set by the Shrine for our response.

The second and third paragraph of the letter read as follows:

"It is regrettable that you did not give us adequate time to discuss the demands in a stated meeting of the various Masonic Bodies located in the Masonic Temple in Hammond, which was apparently done by Orak Temple. Also you state that the various demands are not subject to further negotiation and must be accepted in their entirety or not at all.

Based upon the demands and information stated in your request, we must reject the proposed in its entirety."

In this writers view, the Officers of the Masonic Bodies felt they had been stabbed in the back. There seemed to be little doubt in their minds that the former method of doing business and smooth operation of the Masonic Temple in Hammond were soon going to fall apart.

On January 23, 1979, the Orak Potentate, sent a letter to the Officers of the MBA and each Masonic Body requesting a meeting to discuss Orak's rental arrangement. He states "We would like to come to a firm but fair and equitable agreement on this matter." He included a proposal calling for a three year lease to be prepared at Orak expense with a flat rental fee of $21,000.00 per year, or for $24,000.00 per year with additional office space of about 250 to 300 square feet, and to include the Ladies Oriental Shrine with no payments by the Ladies Oriental Shrine to the MBA.

Orak would also pay $10,000.00 in 1979 from the 1978 Circus Money, and $5,000.00 payable in 1980 from the 1979 Circus Money and no monies from the 1980 circus. The proposal also included the provision that "If Orak Temple should move from 45 Muenich Court at the end of the lease, we would be entitled to 40 percent of the liquid assets of the MBA."

The proposal also contained statements to the effect that for some years, the

Masonic Officers Association has taken $15,000.00 off the top of Circus money even in years where Orak's income has been minimal.

It also states "Orak's share of assets, if we should leave, we have been paying 50% to 75% of the budget for quite a few years, and actually own 49% of the assets. If you kept the building and 60% of the cash assets, that should be more than fair."

No mention was ever made of the actual number of Orak Members as compared to the combined membership in the Masonic Bodies. There seemed little doubt that Orak intended to move in the not too distant future.

November 27, 1978, at the request of Worshipful Master B. Dwight Beaman this writer wrote the following letter to the Illustrious Potentate and Officers of Orak Temple.

Dear Nobles:

"On October 24, 1978, I attended a meeting at the request of Wor. Master B. Dwight Beaman where the Officers of Orak temple requested that I respond to communiques from Orak dated September 11, and 18, 1978.

Although Wor. Master Beaman did not attend the meeting, I agreed to respond to your concerns of the communiques and those expressed at the meeting and I am flattered that you feel my personal opinions to be significant enough to take time to read them.

It must be understood that I am setting forth my personal opinions and in no way should they be construed to be an assumption that I either represent or necessarily reflect whatever official opinions which may someday evolve from McKinley Lodge # 712, F.& A.M., or any other Masonic Lodge or York Rite Masonry presently housed at 45 Muenich Court. I do hope I may be helpful toward the amicable solution of problems of the Temple inherent in the physical structure, its maintenance, operation, clerical and administrative functions.

I am pleased that you recognize the precarious nature of the many problems and the disastrous result of any further polarization to all organizations involved, and I appreciate your desire to avoid such polarization and your basic intent to amicably find a solution.

A historical review as I see it, indicates that much of the present facility was built to accommodate Orak activities. Lapse of time has proven these facilities, i.e., auditorium, third floor dining room and lower level to be unsuitable yet the cost, to Orak Shrine and the Masonic Bodies housed in the Temple, for maintenance, operation and insurance continues to escalate. The financial structure now appears to the Shrine to be antiquated since they no

longer use portions of the facility they originally required in its construction.

Historically, the circus, as promulgated by Garfield, was a vehicle to raise monies to defray building costs and since no fund raising per se is permitted by Grand Lodge, the Shrine became the vehicle through which the circus operated. Also, during the depression years many Masons bought Temple Bonds at great personal losses to save the building.

It is my understanding that of the $15,000.00 of the gross from the circus which is turned over to the Masonic Officers Association, $13,000.00 is put into the Masonic Building Association to help defray the MBA expenses and thus lower the annual budget. A withholding of such funds would of course increase the budget of the MBA. I am certain that the MBA is also interested in any justified economy and will continue to investigate rational means of effecting economies.

I am also certain the MOA will in the future, follow their expressed purpose of 'promoting such matters which pertain to the general welfare of the Masonic Fraternity in Hammond, Indiana, to encourage greater unity among the Masonic Bodies, and to further the uniformity of methods necessary to attain the ideals of the Fraternity. No Mason can honestly find fault with such a purpose.

I am certain that regular meetings agreeable to their by-laws will be conducted. We are all Masons and interested in the welfare of each of the Bodies housed in the facility at 45 Muenich Court. I do not feel that Wor. Bro. George Becknell intended to imply that because the York Rite Bodies contributed but 1.69 percent of the 1977 budget their voice should be stilled. To use the 1977 calendar year for the analysis is also somewhat misleading for it heavily reflects through the MBA formula the $10.00 Shrine dues increase. A Mean figure over the past ten years would be more suitable for it would reflect more accurately the percentages paid by leveling out the dues increases of all the Bodies during the decade.

It is unfortunate that only a portion of the monies of the MBA was invested for the full year which showed a return then on all monies of the MBA of only 3.8 percent. I'm certain that this too will not occur again if the cash flow and insurance premiums are quoted specifically before the budget is prepared and monies are gathered and dues paid promptly.

I can not respond intelligently to the rental scale set forth in your analysis.

To dissolve an association where funds are really spent on nothing but the welfare of the Temple does not assure any long term financial advantage to anyone or any organization.

Do the Officers of Orak Shrine wish to leave the Temple and locate

elsewhere? Do they wish to remain and continue their fine past record of financial help and advice as Masons and Shriners to amicably work out the financial problems of the MBA?

Since we are all Masons and all recognize that the dollar value of our stock in the building is only worth whatever any of the Bodies is willing to pay for it we may have to collectively think in terms of renovation, alteration, perhaps even selling or razing at some point before we lose all of our investment in the structure.

I don't know the solution. I do know that we in McKinley Lodge are dependent on Shrine financial support for the Temple is the only home we have and it will take time and money to even embark on any path which would violate the principle in the by-laws of the corporation known as the Masonic Building Association.

I pray that we can find a solution which will make all of us less financially dependent on each other yet provide for the needs of the various Bodies where justice and charity abound. I have not offered the needed solution to your feelings of improper representation compared to the received financial input figures and I apologize for not having the ability to find a solution within the thirty days of time before my response to your request that I review the materials. I will continue to search for a satisfactory solution.

I wish to thank you for the time you have taken to read this long essay I should entitle, "Of Little Help."

I wish your Officers a productive and profitable year. I hope we can continue in close communication and that we will find the solution to our respective problems soon."

Fraternally yours,

William F. McNabney, Ed.D.

This writer also thanks the readers of this volume for taking the time to read the above letter. It must be said however, that there was no official response from the Shrine to the above letter. As the reader can plainly see from all of the above, a parting of the ways with Orak Temple was near.

The annual Past Masters Dinner was on October 7, 1978, held in the Arabian Room and was combined with the Craft Dinner. It was catered by Gene's Catering at a cost of $637.40. The Past Master with the longevity present was Wor. Bro. Oscar J. Weil who was Master in 1927.

The tone of the evening was somberly because of the news of the serious illness of Wor. Bro. Allen M. Domke. The Lodge had presented Wor. Bro.

Domke with a four foot Pillar of Doric architectural design in appreciation for his many years of service to McKinley Lodge. We held a Masonic Memorial Funeral Service for Wor. Bro. Allen M. Domke on October 10, 1978.

At the November 11, 1978 Stated Meeting, a letter from the Grand Master was read acknowledging the retirement from the position of Grand Secretary, of Past Grand Master Dwight L. Smith, a personal friend of this writer and of McKinley Lodge.

December 2, 1978 was the annual Christmas Party. Rich Tutacko performed his magic act and the Marie Diehl Dance Studio also entertained the children before our favorite Santa arrived.

In 1978 McKinley Lodge initiated 21, passed 25 to the Degree of Fellowcraft and Raised the following 21 to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

Frank Patrick Mehok
James Leonard Boswell
Anthony Estill
James Ernest McBrayer
Frank Warwick Kasten
Russell Wayne Fellores
James Wesley Camp
William Ray Brandenburg
James Edward Pautler
Anthony O. Kondrat
Richard Earl Anerson
Howard Nadine Smith
Edward Byron Peek
Larry Charles Missal
Thomas Mundell Johnson
Bruce Alan Alexander
Arnold Patrick
Donald Raymond Merchant
Neill Richard Doherty
Phillip Andrew Kwolek
Richard David Leitch

Leonard Bernard Siegal was restored to membership in 1978.

Dues were remitted for 31 Fifty-year Members and for 11 Distressed Worthy Brothers.

The following Brothers demitted in 1978:

Hugh Wayne Bell(T)
John William Fischer
Charles James Gough
Frank Warwick Kasten (T)
Geir Martinsen (EA)
Harry Preste
Ralph Don Rogers (T)
Robert Austin Converse (T)
Robert William Fuss (T)
Robert Leroy Hyde (T)
Anthony Charles Kozlowski(EA)
Eugene Barker McGuire
Walter Lee Rich (T)
Leonard Bernard Siegel (T)

Twenty-six of our members died in 1978.
(A * denotes a Masonic Memorial Funeral Service)

Marshal Morris Bruce *
Clyde James Andres

Thomas Edward Cosgrove
Edgar Dean Crumpacker *
Allen Martin Domke, P.M. *
Ingvald Maurice Furnes *
Gus Andrew Gavrilos *
Robert Roy Groves *
Herbert Lowell Hill *
Charley Howald *
Forrest Miles Livingston
Errett Sidney Martin
John Mack McCain
Ivan Oteen Myers
John William Nix
James Alfred Orr, Sr. *
Edgar Liston Plain *
John Joseph Plain *
William Murry Prickett *
William Carl Retzloff
Dr. Alexander William Rhind *
Harry John Salos *
Clifford Underwood
Charles Russell Wilhite
Carl DeChester Warren (* By Social Lodge No.86,Terre Haute)
Richard Carl Yates *

***** 1979 *****

The Installation of the elected and appointed Officers of McKinley Lodge for 1979 was held on December 16, 1978. The Installing Master was Clarence A. Tapper, P.M., the Installing Marshal was William G. Henry, P.M., the Installing Secretary was Donald I. Henry, P.M., the Installing Chaplain was Harry A. Shumaker, P.M. Martin Kaufman, P.M., acted as Master of Ceremonies and C. Wayne Cox was the Coordinator. James E. McNabney was the Installing Organist. Those installed were:

W.M. William F. McNabney
S.D. Emmett W. Somers
S.W. Marion F. Wilson
J.D. Gerald L. Wood
J.W. David R. Schichner
S.S. Coy E. Bonner
Treas. J. Lloyd Crooks, P.M.
J.S. William E. Fullgraf
Sec'y. Raymond W. Woomer
Chap. Cecil F. Lindsey, P.M.
Tyler Thomas E. Nelson

The vocalist for the evening was a good friend and Brother, Lawrence A. Lundgren who sang "Let There Be Peace On Earth" and "He." The brother of this writer, Bro. James E. McNabney, presented this new Worshipful Master with a beautiful gavel and a pen and pencil set from the McNabney families. Bro. Coy E. Bonner, on behalf of the Lodge, presented a Past Masters Jewel and Apron to the outgoing Master and on behalf of the Past Masters, presented a gift of appreciation.

At the close of the ceremony Bro. Lundgren sang "The Lord's Prayer." Following the ceremony a reception for the new Officers was held in the Arabian Room.

Of all the accomplishments this writer may have made to McKinley Lodge including many short talks, speeches and writings, the most important was

the appointment of Brother William E. Fullgraf to the Officer Line as Junior Steward of McKinley Lodge. Bill has been an asset of unmeasurable importance to McKinley Lodge and this writer takes pardonable pride in his appointment of this fine man and Mason. He has been a tireless worker and his leadership through the Line and as Worshipful Master in 1985 has endeared him to the entire membership.

Garfield Lodge hosted the Feast of St. John on December 27, 1979 and Wor. Bro. Marvin Ford of Garfield Lodge gave an excellent talk. Wor. Master Volney Williams of Garfield Lodge and this writer shared many an hour together in 1979, relating to the differences between the MBA and Orak Shrine over the business of the Hammond Temple.

Brother Emmett Somers, S.D., was responsible for another fine Christmas Party and Brother David Schichner, J.W., began and later completed a new monitor calling list and a system to assure that everyone possible was notified of not only Masonic Memorial Services but of any important business to come before the Lodge.

The Master, Wardens and Secretary made the trip to Indianapolis for Founder's Day in a terrible storm that had not yet abated on the return trip the next night. This writer who drove to Indianapolis and back had to let his passengers out either at the corner of their street or in the middle of the street in front of their homes to avoid being stuck in the snow.

The January 16, 1979 Called Meeting of the Lodge had to be canceled because of the weather. On February 6, 1979, between the sections of the MM Degree, the Grand Lodge Fifty-year Award of Gold was presented to Wor. Bro. Gordie Henderson Cauble, who was Wor. Master in 1941. The award was presented by Wor. Bro. Clarence A. Tapper, as Special Deputy for Grand Master, William E. Hepler. There were 32 Masons and 25 Ladies present.

While the Members were busy conferring the Degree that night, the ladies were entertained by this writer as Worshipful Master, giving a program on "Values Clarification in Today's World." Contrasting values were illustrated by two films. One was entitled "The Amish, How They Live Work, Play and Worship." The contrasting film was "A Social Problem," the plight of a teenage runaway. The theme was that Masonry teaches the values necessary to the maintenance of our Social Order.

February 20, 1979, in celebration of the Birthday of George Washington, McKinley Lodge conferred the E.A. Degree in full colonial costume. The costumes from the Play in 1976, had been made by the wives and lovingly kept by the cast members.

At the March 13, 1979 Stated Meeting, a motion was made, seconded and carried by ball and cube ballot, giving the Master authority to give $2500.00

earnest money toward the purchase of the St. Paul Lutheran Church at Columbia Avenue and Ridgeway Street in Munster, Indiana. It was to be purchased jointly by McKinley and Garfield Lodges at a cost of $325,000.00. The sale would also be contingent on approval of the Grand Lodge Supervisory Board, the Local and State Building Councils and proper zoning and occupancy permits.

Wor. Bro. Fred Eicke of Garfield Lodge and this writer immediately took the combined $5000.00 to the Van Blair Realty Company.

Our money was soon returned with the excuse that another party had put money on the property first. This writer feels that was an excuse because the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church had strong feelings about Masonry. The Salvation Army eventually purchased the church. At that time, this writer was on the United Way Board, and feels that additional monies from the United Way were added to the Salvation Army Budget that helped them considerably in making the purchase.

McKinley and Garfield in 1979, had lost the chance to purchase property on the west side of Hohman Avenue, north of the Little Calumet River and south of 173rd Street. We were unable to have a meeting as required by our by-laws in time to get the earnest money to Don Powers, Realtor, who was handling the property for the owners. Brother Walter Millikan, one of the owners tried to help this writer obtain the property for Garfield and McKinley, but Mr. Frank Spolnick got in the middle of the whole thing the night before we could get our money to the Realtor and he bought the property.

Mr. Spolnick erected two apartment buildings on the property but violated the Hammond City Building Codes and was refused an occupancy permit to rent the top floors. He protested in the "Voice of the People" of the Hammond Times, and put a large sign on Hohman Avenue in condemnation of the city fathers but the city stuck to its guns.

After this incident, McKinley and Garfield could not come to a single mind and get together on the purchase of property again. McKinley Lodge then looked at property on Main Street and Rt. 41 in Schererville, at property on 167th Street west of the Woodmar Shopping Center in Hammond and on Main Street in Dyer, but no further progress was made toward a new home for McKinley Lodge in 1979.

April 25, 1979, McKinley made a pilgrimage to Hellenic Lodge No. 1084, A.F.& A.M., in River Forest, Illinois. The Master had arranged for an Invitation to celebrate their Easter Feast. Hellenic Lodge is a Greek Lodge and the men cooked a fantastic Easter lamb dinner and followed by our conferring the MM Degree on McKinley candidate Arthur Allen Bach.

Our bus driver of the rented Hammond High School Bus to Hellenic Lodge

was Sue Wood, a wonderful woman of character and internal strength admired by all Masons who know her. She and the wife of this writer spent the evening together while the men were in Lodge. The exchange of visitations between Hellenic Lodge and McKinley Lodge goes back many years and this writer hopes they will continue.

The Lenten Breakfast speakers in 1979 were Wor. Bro. Newell A. Lamb, P.G.M.; Bishop Andrew G. Grutka of the Gary Diocese which controlled all Roman Catholic Churches in this region; Rev. Bjork, Supt. of the Calumet Methodist Churches; Edward Evans, 4th Degree, K.C. and Thomas O'Rourke, State Deputy, K.C. (both mentioned earlier); Rev. Richard Lochner, Grand King of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Indiana and the Rev. Dr. Richard C. Thistle.

This writer and his wife had the privilege of visiting with Bishop Grutka in his residence for an entire afternoon and as fellow educators, became good friends.

The meeting came about because this writer accidentally took the Bishops coat by mistake at the close of a Lenten Breakfast. Imagine the surprise two days later when reaching in the coat pocket for his keys, this writer pulled out a personal card with the name and address of the good Bishop on the card.

A phone call was made immediately to request a meeting to return the coat. During the phone conversation, Bishop Grutka laughed and said "I was wondering if it was member of the Knights of Columbus or one of the Masons who took the coat." He was most kind and at his home this writer discovered we had both attended the University of Rome, Italy. From that day to this, we have been good friends in spite of my embarrassment at taking his coat.

During the last week in April, 1979, McKinley was honored by having two of its members recognized by attaining the highest rank in York Rite Masonry in the State of Indiana. McKinley Brother Ernest G. Cunningham was Installed as Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Indiana. Installed as Eminent Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery was McKinley Brother Paul E. Barnett. This writer, as Worshipful Master of McKinley Lodge was invited by the Grand Commander to be an Honored Guest at the head Table at the Banquet held at the Holiday Star Plaza honoring Brother Ernest G. Cunningham.

His kind words to this writer were, "I was not going to be honored without the Worshipful Master of my Lodge present." Those words will never be forgotten nor will the many personal kindnesses afforded this writer by Brother "Ernie" during a period of great difficulty in the life of this writer. It goes without saying that this writer could recommend Brother "Ernie" without equivocation for any Masonic Office and good fortune did afford that

opportunity.

It was a great loss to McKinley Lodge when"Ernie" died during his year as Senior Warden of McKinley Lodge. He had held many top offices in the York Rite yet his heart was set on attaining the honor of becoming a member of that very small but most distinguished group of Masons who hold the York Cross of Honor. Ernie needed to become Worshipful Master of our Lodge before he could join that august body. The Supreme Architect of the Universe must have had an even greater honor in store for he took our Brother before we were ready to release him.

The 1978, balance sheet of the Masonic Building Association for the year 1978 was read at the April, 1979 Stated Meeting. It showed the Building as an asset of $440,087.79, depreciation of $291,841.00 leaving its net worth as $148,246.79.

Under liabilities, the Common Stock totaled $212,125.00. Savings in seven Banks and Savings and Loans totaled $119,500.00.

McKinley accepted an invitation from the First Methodist Church in Griffith, Indiana to worship with them in celebration of St. John the Baptist Day on June 24, 1979.

It was at the May 8, 1979 Stated Meeting that this writer as Master of the Lodge, appointed a "Finance and Building Site Committee." Brother Dave Schichner, J.W., was appointed Chairman and did an excellent and very conscientious job. The Trustees, Past Masters John O. White, B. Dwight Beaman and Donald I. Henry with Junior Deacon Gerald Wood, Senior Steward Coy E. Bonner and William G. Henry, P.M., Cecil F. Lindsey, P.M., and Brothers Kahle, Peek, and Leitch were also appointed to the committee. This writer was in earnest about finding a new home for McKinley Lodge for it was obvious that the Shrine was going to leave the Hammond Temple. Once they left, the loss of their revenues would put McKinley in an untenable financial position because of the insurance and other costs on the Hammond Temple.

One of the high points of 1979, was McKinley's pilgrimage to Vincennes Lodge No. 1, F.& A.M., Vincennes, Indiana on the first and second of June. The visit was to help commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the capture of Fort Sakville and the liberation of the city of Vincennes by Gen. George Rogers Clark during the American Revolution. It was also to help celebrate the rededication of Vincennes Lodge No.1.

Friday evening, June 1, 1979, the MM Degree was conferred by the King Solomon Lodge of Richmond, Virginia. The Brethren from Virginia were dressed in the uniform of the Fifth Virginia Cavalry of the Civil War and their work was very different but most impressive and very well done. Saturday morning there was a tour of the historical sites by our hosts, followed by a

luncheon prepared by the O.E.S., of Vincennes.

In the afternoon, McKinley Lodge conferred the MM Degree on our candidate Martin Edward Scheeringa. There were 15 McKinley Members and 53 visitors present in the afternoon in addition to the Grand Lodge Officers of Indiana, and the Grand Masters from Virginia and from Minnesota.

In the evening a banquet was held at Vincennes University followed by a Social Hour and still later everyone gathered at the McKinley hospitality room in the hotel. Bro. Kirby Thomas was in rare voice that night and everyone joined in the song- fest.

July 31, 1979, the McKinley Site Committee formally proposed the purchase with Garfield Lodge of three and one half acres of land formally owned by the Standard Lumber Company, west of Harrison Avenue, east of the old Monon Railroad tracks, north of 169th Street and south of Vine Street in Hammond. This writer was not personally inclined to purchase this site and as luck would have it, the property was purchased by the "Industrial Warehouse Company" before we could vote on the purchase at a Stated Meeting.

To prepare for a vote, this writer met with the City of Hammond Building Commissioner, the City Engineer, and two of the Building Inspectors and discovered that we would have to install new sewers and water lines connecting at 169th street, which was a long way from the proposed steel fabricated building we would be building. The estimated costs for renovation of the 45 Muenich Ct. Temple was roughly $500,000.00 as determined from going through the Temple with architect, Brother Nathaniel Karras, a member of McKinley Lodge who gave the estimate. This included removing the auditorium and installing the now required fire sprinkler system and bringing the building up to code through extensive renovation.

As it turned out, the prospective new owners of the Standard Lumber Company property discovered the costs involved in meeting the Hammond Building Commission requirements and after several delays, they apparently backed out of the deal several months later.

At the August 14, 1979 Stated Meeting, a motion was duly made and passed to strike the June 14, 1979 Site and Finance Committee motion to renovate the present facility at 45 Muenich Court. The committee further recommended at this meeting that McKinley Lodge welcome Garfield Lodge in the possible purchase of the old Standard Lumber Company Sit (previously mentioned) at a cost of $90,000.00. The motion to purchase was to be made at the October Stated Meeting, and a vote taken at the November 1979 Stated Meeting.

The motion to purchase, with Garfield Lodge, the Standard Lumber Company property was made at the September 11, 1979 Stated Meeting by Brother Coy E. Bonner, seconded by Brother Dave Schichner. The motion passed with

34 voting Aye, none voting nay, and three abstentions. As mentioned previously, it all came to naught because of the "Intent to Purchase" given the owner Brother Richard Dye by the Industrial Warehouse Company.

At the October 1979 Stated Meeting, Bro. Dave Schichner made a motion, seconded by Bro. Emmett Somers that McKinley relocated with Garfield "in an edifice suitable to include all appendant bodies." The motion passed. Another motion by Bro. Dave, seconded by Wor. Bro. William G. Henry, authorize $7500.00 to the Joint Site, Finance and Administrative Committee, with proper safeguards for earnest money when needed for a suitable site with Garfield Lodge. The motion carried.

The dinner honoring the Past Masters was held October 13, 1979. The wives of deceased Past Masters were guests and following a beautiful Memorial Service by Brother David R. Schichner, an inspiring talk was given by Reverend Brother Lochner. Brother James E. McNabney was at the piano during the evening. He often volunteered to play and his music was enjoyed by everyone. On this evening, he was also the accompanist for the Orak Chanters under the direction of McKinley Lodge Brother James Qualkinbush. Their music added much to the enjoyment of the evening. G&S Caterers catered the dinner in the Arabian Room at a cost of $316.00.

It was at the November 13, 1979 Stated Meeting that Chairman Dave Schichner of the Administrative Site and Finance Committee made the motion to buy a three-acre site in Plumb Creek at the corner of Main Street and Route 41 in Schererville. The motion was seconded by Wor. Bro. Robert E. ranks and was to be held over and voted on at the December 1979 Stated Meeting.

No one worked harder than Bro. Dave Schichner in trying to resolve the problem of a new home for McKinley Lodge. He also made the motion that the Lodge establish a Building Fund. This motion was seconded by Wor. Bro. "Bob" Franks and carried.

A letter was received from the Senior Grand Warden P.J. Shreve congratulating McKinley Lodge on again receiving an excellent rating from Assistant Grand Lecturer "Bob" Rogers on our work on the E.A. Degree during his inspection.

After the close of the December 11, 1979 Stated Meeting the Lodge sang "Happy Birthday" to the Master which was a most pleasant surprise. During the meeting however, a lot had taken place. The Lodge voted on the motion of the previous (November) Stated Meeting regarding the purchase of the "Plumb Creek Site" in Schererville with 38 voting Aye, and 28 voting Nay. The vote was predicated on Garfield joining McKinley and the word around the Lodge was that Garfield was no longer interested in leaving Hammond.

It should be clear to the reader that 1979 was a difficult year in McKinley

Lodge because of the turmoil resulting from the unstable situation regarding a future home for McKinley Lodge. In spite of this there were many highlights and never was there a more dedicated group of Officers and supporting Brothers than was enjoyed by the Worshipful Master in 1979. This history presents another opportunity for this writer to say a sincere thank you the Lodge for the privilege of serving them.

The year ended well with a fine talk by Wor. Bro. and Senior Grand Deacon, Clarence A. Tapper at the Feast of Saint John on December 27, 1979.

During 1979, McKinley Lodge Initiated 16, Passed 11 to the Degree of Fellowcraft and Raised the following 15 to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

Wilbur Joseph Cline
Charles Christian Dahn
Thomas Lee Kirsch
David Joseph Milne, Sr.
James Eugene McNeal
Terry Gene Peevyhouse
James Skwiertz
Regino Monico Covarrubias, Sr.
Robert John Pastor
William Jack Boyd
Arthur Allan Bach
Loren Edgar Kerr
Martin Edward Scheeringa
Charles Stanley Hicks
William Paul Stinnett

Norman Mel Hanson was restored to membership in 1979.

The dues were remitted for 30 Fifty-year Members and for 14 Distressed Worthy Brothers.

The following eight Demitted: (T) denotes transfer

Nicholas George Andre (T)
Robert Harrison Benett (T)
Raymond Cecil Downey (T)
James Ellsworth Junkens
Harold Eugene Bates
Allan Otto Crisman (T)
James A. Faulkner (T)
Heinz Juergen Manske

There were five suspensions due to nonpayment of dues.

The following 34 members died in 1979: (A * denotes a Masonic Memorial Funeral Service was held)

George Elbert Abbey
Charles Raymond Barkley
Jesse Harold Cox, P.M. *
Lawrence Nelson Frazier *
Robert Brewer Long Hamacher *
Archibald Lee Hickman
Peter Jongsma *
Jack Otto Bachman
Clifford William Black
Dorren Howard Davidson
Edwin H. Friedrich
Oscar Heyl
George Hrehor *
Bert O. Keeler

Edward Gilbert Lange *	Lawrence Carl Mullen Long *
Floyd Rufus Murray	Rolla Everett Nichols
Tom Nicholas Pappas *	George Wilmer Rivers
Lawrence Edison Rogers *	Guston Benjamin Sams *
William Henry Schneider	Earl Richard Snyder *
Benjamin Edward Spickard *	Donald Eugene Stech
Fred Harget Taylor,Jr. *	Eugene Voyle Trippeer
Gordon Wallace Turner, P.M.	Richard Eugene Waugh
James Shaw Whitehead	Wasson Jesse Wilson
Charles Anthony Workman *	Carroll Homer Wursthorne *

***** 1980 *****

The Installation of McKinley Officers for 1980 was held Saturday, December 22, 1979. The Installing Master was Clarence A. Tapper, P.M., the Installing Marshal was William G. Henry, P.M., the Installing Chaplain was Frazier F. Andrews, P.M., the Installing Secretary was Robert E. Franks, P.M., the Master of Ceremonies was Harry A. Shumaker, P.M., the Coordinator was Martin Kaufman, P.M., the Installing Organist was H. Oliver Norton, P.M., of Garfield Lodge. The Officers Installed were as follows:

W.M. Marion F. Wilson	S.D. Gerald L. Wood
S.W. David R. Schichner	J.D. Coy E. Bonner
J.W. Emmett W. Somers	S.S. William E. Fullgraf
Treas. Donald I. Henry, P.M.	J.S. Edward B. Peek
Sec'y. Raymond W. Woomer	Chap. Cecil F. Lindsey, P.M.
Tyler Thomas E. Nelson, Sr.	Organ James E. McNabney

This was the first time in 26 years that Wor. Bro. J. Lloyd Crooks was not installed as Treasurer of McKinley Lodge. His successor, Wor. Bro. Donald I. Henry has carried on since and has done an excellent job.

It was at the January 8, 1980 Stated Meeting, that the Site Committee recommended that McKinley Lodge purchase (alone) 1.6 acres of land in the Plumb Creek Addition of Schererville for $75,000.00 if Garfield Lodge should fail to join in the purchase of 3.0 Acres. The motion was made by Bro. Dave Schichner seconded by Bro. William Fullgraf and held over for a vote until the March, 1980 Stated Meeting.

McKinley made a visitation to Arcadia Lodge No. 1138, Lansing, Illinois on March 10, 1980, and conferred the MM Degree in full Colonial Costume on our candidate David North Ellis. The costumes had been made by the wives of the Brethren for the Masonic Play back in 1976. They all still held on to their costumes.

A letter was read at the April 8, 1980 Stated Meeting, inviting McKinley Lodge to help Bethel No. 14, Job's Daughters celebrate the 50 Year Anniversary of Job's Daughters on April 26, 1980.

At the same meeting it was announced that the Secretary had sent $462.60 in donations to the Masonic Home plus $99.50 to the Indiana Masonic Home Foundation. This was a total of $562.10 and McKinley later received letters of appreciation for or contributions.

It was also announced at this Stated Meeting that the Masonic Building Association had just placed the Hammond Masonic Temple "FOR SALE."

The building now being "For Sale" resulted in a McKinley motion to declare the previous their motions of October 9, 1979, November 13, 1979 and December 11, 1979 null and void. The motion, made by Bro. Dave Schichner, and seconded by Bro. Emmett Somers was voted and passed.

A new motion was then made and seconded by the same Officers stating "a committee be appointed to work toward the acquisition of our present building, at 45 Muenich Court in Hammond, either by purchase from the MBA, by acquisition of stock or any other means." The motion passed and the $7500.00 previously authorized the Site Committee to use as earnest money was turned over to the new committee.

It seemed to this writer that we had now gone full circle in our quest for a home. What was new in the picture was the fact that the building we were in might soon be sold out from under those who had occupied it for Masonic purposes since 1920.

This writer, along with Wor. Bro. Clarence A. Tapper, had become a member of the Board of Directors of the MBA in January of 1980 by virtue of his having been Master of McKinley Lodge in 1979. Because of his work load this writer at that time, missed three of the important meetings by March 1, 1980, and in good conscience sent a letter of resignation dated March 14, 1980 to the MBA President, Sir Knight Ernest Cunningham. It was sent on March 14, 1980 for this writer would not be able to attend the coming annual meeting of March 20, 1980 and they needed to fill the vacancy for the important business confronting the MBA at that meeting.

The Master of Garfield Lodge in 1980, for some reason took umbrage to the letter mistakenly feeling that this writer had attended a special meeting of the MBA held on September 29, 1979, and had been a part of some sort of agreement regarding the Temple because Grand Master Charles O. Riddle had been invited to that meeting and was present. The Garfield Master sent a letter to Grand Master Riddle dated February 15, 1980, in which he says the following:

"On September 29, 1979, you participated in a special meeting of the Masonic Building Association in Hammond, Indiana." On that date this writer was not in town and does not recall even being invited to the meeting in question. The Garfield Master asked "what directions were given to the MBA and Garfield, so that I may pursue the proper course."

To this day, this writer doesn't understand why the Garfield Master sent him a letter dated September 13, 1980, saying "The Garfield Lodge copy of your 08/30/80 resignation letter to the MBA was received last week just prior to our Stated Meeting. The letter was mentioned during the meeting, but was not read or discussed, due to erroneous assumptions and quotations. The tone of your letter implies frustration. The statements imply a lack of research and analysis. I suspect these are the result of much concern and little time." At the end of the letter he says: "I therefore and hereby ask you to:

1. Recall your 08/30/80 resignation letter,
2. Reconsider your action, and
3. If you still feel compelled to resign,
4. Rewrite the resignation letter with logical reasons."

This writers copy of his hand written resignation letter to the MBA is dated March 14, 1980, not August 30, 1980, as the Wor. Master of Garfield stated in his letter to this writer dated September 13, 1980.

The letter from the Garfield Master was a part of the problem of what was going to happen to the Temple and to the Blue Lodges. Tension was getting to everyone and one outcome of this tension resulted in this type of letter.

The MBA Officers in 1980 were President Ernest G. Cunningham, McKinley Lodge; Vice President, Wor. Bro. Marvin Ford, Garfield Lodge; Sec'y./Treas. Wor. Bro. H. Oliver Norton, Garfield Lodge plus four directors from Garfield Lodge i.e. Wor. Bros. Frederick W. Eicke, Clarence Cole, William L. Smiley and Bro. Ralph F. Beer.

McKinley directors on the MBA Board were: Wor. Bros. Clarence A. Tapper, Hayward E. Glidewell, Harry A. Shumaker, Donald I. Henry, and until his resignation, William F. McNabney.

This writer still doesn't know what was meant by the letter from Garfield's Wor. Master but did write to Bro. Cunningham, President of the MBA, on August 30, 1980 expressing his regrets for any problem he might have unwittingly caused with his resignation.

(Back to the McKinley Lodge Routine)

April 15, 1980, Hellenic Lodge No. 1084, of River Forest, Illinois paid a visit to McKinley. After a fine dinner prepared and served by the Abbie Hanson,

O.E.S. Officers Club, our visiting Brothers conferred the MM Degree on their candidate, George T. Crambes.

(IMPORTANT NEWS)

On June 6, 1980, the MBA President sent a letter to Leslie K. Conquest, Potentate, regarding the proposals for a settlement with Orak Temple and included the following important information.

"In answer to your acceptance of our proposal, to purchase your 1059.75 shares of Masonic Building Association Stock for $26,493.75 with the conditions listed below:

This writer won't take the space to list all the conditions the Shrine agreed to but in essence, anything taken from the Temple by Orak Shrine had to be approved by the MBA. The Shrine also agreed to pay the MBA $14,300.00, which represents one-half of the amount due of Orak Shrine's share of the balance due on the 1980 budget. "We agree to the removal of the Shrine Emblem and the cornerstone referring to the Shrine, same being removed at Orak Shrine expense and the building to be restored to its' aesthetic appearance." The date of June 16, 1980 was agreed on as the final date of business between the MBA and Orak Shrine. For all practical purposes, Orak Shrine would no longer be a part of the Hammond Masonic Temple.

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June 14, 1980, twenty-five year awards were presented by Wor. Bro. Harold Jackson to eight eligible McKinley members present. Twenty-one were mailed to those not present. This was a Saturday, and a dinner was held for the event. The MM Degree was later conferred on Scott Eldon Mitchell. Scott has been involved with DeMolay since he was Master Counselor and today is a DeMolay Advisor.

It was on June 30, 1980, that the Hamadan Grotto Charter and Initiation Dinner was held. Bro. David R. Schichner of McKinley Lodge was the force behind the creation, petition and organization of the Hamadan Grotto, M.O.V.P.E.R. The Grand Officers of the Grotto were present that night to deliver the Charter and initiate the Charter Members. Bro. Dave was the first Monarch and there were 230 people served at the dinner by 25 Abbie Hanson Chapter No. 578, O.E.S. Members.

A proposal to amend the By-Laws to increase the dues to $21.00 was made at the July 1980 Stated Meeting, and was held over till the August Stated Meeting when it was approved by the Lodge. It was on July 1, 1980, that McKinley Lodge received a letter from Bro. Ernest Cunningham stating that the MBA had paid over $400,000.00 in insurance on the building over the past twenty years. "Now we can't get fire insurance at a reasonable rate. We have

eliminated any fire insurance coverage. However, we do carry Liability Insurance. - - We solicit your help in smoking only in the designated areas as follows: Four rooms were listed as smoking areas in the Temple."

In September, 1980, the MBA took the Temple off the "For Sale Market" for there had been no inquiries nor any earnest money placed on the Temple. This writer doesn't have a record or remember what happened to the motion to purchase the Temple made in McKinley Lodge at the Stated Meeting back on April 8, 1980. In any case, McKinley Lodge obviously did not purchase the Temple either alone or with Garfield Lodge.

There were work crews from the Lodges who spent many Saturdays making repairs, changing the heating, plumbing electric etc. and doing maintenance work to separate the auditorium from the rest of the facility.

The McKinley Work Chairman was Bro. Raymond W. Woomer and among the many workers were Wor. Bros. Coy Bonner, from McKinley and Wor. Bro. Fred Eicke from Garfield.

A letter from the Grand Master was read at the September 9, 1980 Stated Meeting, requesting that $5.00 be collected from each new candidate, in addition to the Application Fee, to be used toward the upkeep of the George Washington Memorial in Arlington, Virginia. No action was taken on the letter.

The annual Past Masters Dinner was held September 20, 1980 and as usual it was good to see the widows of the deceased Past Masters.

The Grand Lodge Fifty-year Award of Gold was presented to our Brother John Harold "Hal" Snyder on October 21, 1980 by Wor. Bro. J. Lloyd Crooks, acting as Special Deputy to the Grand Master. "Hal" Snyder had once been a teacher at Hammond Tech and as a member of Hyde Park Methodist Church was a long time friend of the McNabney family. His death just a few years ago after a long illness, was a great loss to this community and to Masonry.

On October 28, 1980, McKinley visited Griffith Lodge No. 735 where we enjoyed watching them confer the MM Degree on their candidate. On November 18, 1980 McKinley made a pilgrimage to Glen Park Lodge.

Our own Wor. Bro. Clarence A. Tapper was nominated for the 33rd Degree in October, 1980, and received the award in the spring.

It was interesting to this writer to note his own name listed as the organist during the E.A. Degree conferred on October 21, 1980. There have been several times when he sat at the organ in Lodge, but it requires a long stretch of the imagination to call him an organist. (Just asked his brother Jim McNabney)

Garfield and McKinley held a joint Christmas Party Saturday, December 6, 1980. The youngsters, ages one to seventy, enjoyed Shakey's Pizza, Ice Cream, Cake, Candy, Pop, and gifts individually addressed from Santa Claus.

In 1980, McKinley Lodge Initiated 19, Passed 19 to the Degree of Fellowcraft and raised the following 12 to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

William Paul Asztalos	Bobby Joe Austin
J. B. Barbee	Wilbert Richard Carney
Joseph Anthony DeNardo	David North Ellis
Robert Edward Hanson	Howard John Kingkade
Scott Eldon Mitchell	Egon Friedrich Riehl
Marvin John Scheeringa	Jack William Turner

Dues were remitted for 16 Distressed Worthy Brothers and for 28 Fifty- year Members.

Seven members demitted in 1980.

Samual Ray Carley	Joseph Joh Ciesielski (E.A.)
Walter Seymour Dinkleman	James Henry Fraker (T)
Donald Bruce Ingold	Phillip Andres Kwolek (T)
John William Wilson (F.C.)	

Four were suspended for nonpayment of dues and one was expelled by Grand Lodge via Regulation 43.060.

The following 33 members died in 1980: (A * denotes A Masonic Memorial Service was held)

Earl Arthur Anderson *	Robert Lee Axe
Wilhelm Beck *	Carvin Earnest Bell *
Franklin Andrew Burley *	Benjamin Orville Burt
Gordie Henderson Cauble, P.M.*	Robert Leland Daugherty
Clarence Martin Eder	John Elbert Foudray, P.M.
Charles Marion Goodman *	Estel Halfacre *
Chester Lehman Hall	John Bruce Hinton
Willaim Thomas Hunter	Russel Edward Zacher *
Eugene Frank Kester (* By Anchor Lodge # 273, Bellflower, CA.)	
William Kronsell *	John Dennis Kubisz
Paul Griffith McCoy II *	Robert Parker Miles *
Walter Wesley Millikan	Herbert Morris
George Frederick Parsons (* By Hemet # 615, Hemet, CA)	
Everett Raymond Pettigrew *	Earl Knowles Phares
Edward Henry Riechers	William Sloan
Robert Nathan Thompson *	William Harold Tubbs
Carlos Felix Winkler	Otho Woolsey *

The Installation of the McKinley Officers was held Saturday December 20, 1980. The Installing Master was John O. White, P.M., the Installing Marshal was Hayward E. Glidewell, P.M., the Installing Secretary was Audrian G. Burroughs, P.M., the Installing Chaplain was C. Wayne Cox, P.M. Acting as Master of Ceremonies was William G. Henry, P.M. The Coordinator was B. Dwight Beaman, P.M., and the Installing Organist was H. Oliver Norton, P.M., Garfield Lodge.

The Officers Installed to serve for 1981 were:

W.M. David R. Schichner
S.W. Emmett W. Somers
J.W. Gerald L. Wood
Treas. Donald I. Henry, P.M.
Sec'y. Raymond W. Woomer
Tyler Edward A. Evans
S.D. Coy E. Bonner
J.D. William E. Fullgraf
S.S. Edward B. Peek
J.S. Barry L. McKnight
Chap. Cecil F. Lindsey, P.M.
Organ James E. McNabney

It was at the January 13, 1981 Stated Meeting that Wor. Bro. Wm. F. McNabney made the motion that "McKinley Lodge No. 712, accept the responsibility to host a reception on June 19, 1982 to honor Wor. Bro. Clarence A. Tapper following his election to the Office of Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of Indiana. That he be so notified of this intent and that $6000.00 be appropriated and placed in escrow to defray the cost of the Reception." The motion was seconded by Wor. Bro. Robert E. Franks and carried unanimously.

A motion was then made by Wor. Bro. William C. Chansler that "the Lodge spend up to $1000.00 for the purchase of a token or other project for the Grand Master's Reception in June of 1982." The motion was seconded by Wor. Bro. William G. Henry and carried unanimously.

January 25, 1981, a Masonic Memorial Service was conducted for August Rudolph Lundgren. To this writers knowledge another first occurred when the Master permitted Bro. Lawrence A. Lundgren, son of the deceased, to act as Worshipful Master for the service performed by Wor. Bro. Cecil Lindsey, Chaplain.

At the February 10, 1981 Stated Meeting, a motion was made by Bro. William Fullgraf, seconded by Bro. Coy Bonner that "the Lodge place $1000.00 in the hands of the Site Committee to be used as earnest money toward the purchase of a lot at 6848 Hohman Avenue in Hammond, subject to the

approval of the purchase by the Lodge at the next Stated Meeting."

On February 14, 1981, Worshipful Master Dave Schichner sent a letter to the MBA President Bro. Ernest G. Cunningham, requesting greater clarification of the 1981 Budget, the use and cost of maintaining the building office, and whether there were any plans to make alterations to the building.

He also stated the following in the letter: "I previously indicated to you that McKinley Lodge has no intention of relocating in 1981. I also assure you that I will do whatever I can to support any endeavor the MBA would undertake or suggest. I cannot however, foresee any amount of success in attempting to entice members of McKinley Lodge to participate in a large scale activity, or several smaller activities.

I fear we would be relying upon the small percentage of active members, some of which are engaged actively in other organizations as well."

Worshipful Master Dave was trying to get a handle on what the MBA may have had in mind regarding the present facility.

March 3, 1981, Harry Dudzik was Raised to the Sublime Degree. Bro. Harry was a professional photographer who had worked at "Bodies" studio in Hammond since this writer was in high school. The lodge had voted two portraits of the Deputy Grand Master, Clarence Tapper, in the regalia of a Most Worshipful Grand Master. One would be presented to Most Worshipful Brother Clarence Tapper following his election, at the reception, and one would be hung in McKinley's Lodge room. Brother Dudzik did a beautiful job and donated the portraits which had a value of over $500.00 with the frames.

As another apology, Wor. Bro. Dave Schichner was to make the presentation at the reception and this writer, as Master of Ceremonies, forgot to call upon Wor. Bro. Dave for the presentation between all the introductions and other activities during the reception. It is another regret that will not go away. More will be said about it later.

It was at the March 10, 1981 Stated Meeting, the Lodge voted down the motion of February 10, 1981 to purchase the property at 6848 Hohman, Avenue by a vote of 15 Aye and 60 Nay. There was some concern over this for less that 10 percent of the membership was present that night for the important vote.

March 25, 1981, McKinley Lodge paid a visit to East Chicago Lodge No. 595, and had an enjoyable evening watching and participating with their Wor. Master James Bline in conferring the MM Degree.

April 2, 1981, McKinley visited Low Vale Lodge No. 1139, in Riverdale, Illinois and conferred the MM Degree on our candidate Donald Allen Cross.

Saturday, May 9, 1981, five McKinley Brothers were Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in an all day session. It was also on this date that our Wor. Bro. Harry A. Shumaker was elected to receive the Knight of the York Cross of Honor. This award can come only to those who have served in the highest officer in not only a Masonic Blue Lodge, but also in all three of the York Rite Bodies. It represents many years of hard work and sacrifice.

A letter was read at the May Stated meeting from Wor. Bro. Omar Hagar of East Chicago Lodge No. 595, a Past Grand Commander of Indiana Knights Templar and the Governor of the Indiana York Rite College No. 73, inviting all York Rite Masons to a May 16, 1981 meeting where the Order of York would be conferred.

Wednesday, May 26, 1981, Griffith Lodge No. 735 visited McKinley and watched the conferring of the MM Degree on McKinley Brother Robert Bucklie Cruse. The following night, McKinley visited Hellenic Lodge No. 1084, in River Forest, Illinois, and conferred the MM Degree on McKinley Brother Thomas Frederick Lowrance, Jr.

June 9, 1981, a letter from Wor. Bro. Clarence A. Tapper, Deputy Grand Master was read indicating that Indiana DeMolay was ranked number one in the World in 1980 and asking for support in getting prospective members for the Grand Master's Class in 1981 so that the feat might be repeated.

June 21, the Lodge celebrated St. John's Day by Worshiping with Wor. Master Dave Schichner at the First Methodist Church in Hammond. On June 25, 1981, McKinley visited Whiting Lodge No. 613, and enjoyed conferring the MM Degree in full form on our candidate Warren Martin Walle.

At the July 14, 1981 Stated Meeting, in response to a request from Grand Master, William L. Hufford, a motion was made by Wor. Bro. William C. Chansler, that McKinley send $2500.00 to the Indiana Masonic Home to furnish a room in the new 56 bed hospital addition to the home. The motion was seconded by Wor. Bro. Glidewell and carried.

Back on June 22, 1981, this writer accepted the Lodge request that he Chair the Grand Masters Reception set for the following June. The Grand Master sent approval for using an initial $1000.00 to purchase toys from Radio Shack for resale at Christmas and at any other time. The purpose was to raise funds for the coming Reception for the Grand Master in 1982. The final tabulation shows McKinley spent $6834.00 for toys and resold them for $12,144.00 earning a profit of $5310.00 to be used for the Grand Master's Reception expenses.

A giant word of praise and thanks must be giving to Wor. Master David R. Schichner, who not only came up with the idea, formulated the plan, organized the Brothers to carry it out, purchased the toys, and had the

account audited. It was a magnificent effort on his part. A "Good Sam Club" was set up by this writer and donations from it also brought in money.

Representatives from McKinley Lodge went to the 1981 Grand Master's Reception (William L. Hufford) in Lafayette, Indiana on June 27, 1981 to get at handle on what might be expected of McKinley Lodge the next year.

Our Wor. Bro. Clarence A. Tapper, Deputy Grand Master, was awarded the 33rd Degree in Philadelphia on September 30, 1981, and our Bro. Howard Kahle was nominated by the Scottish Rite, Valley of South Bend to receive the Meritorious Service Award. It was awarded to Bro. Kahle in November.

An item appeared in the September 1981 Square and Compass asking the question, "Are you interested in Masonic History? On Thursdays following Stated Meetings at 7:30 P.M., the opportunity for further light is being offered by Past Master, Dr. William McNabney. - - Some of the subjects being covered are - - The Ancients and the Moderns; Benjamin Franklin; Casmir Pulaski; John Paul Jones. For a truly rewarding evening try to attend."

This writers thanks are extended to Wor. Bro. William E. Fullgraf, for the kind words printed in the Square and Compass regarding these presentations.

A letter of thanks from the Grand Master, for Wor. Bro. Clarence A. Tapper, who as Special Deputy, awarded the Fifty-year Award of Gold for Harmony Lodge 110, in South Dakota to their Brother Paul T. Calhoun, now living in Hammond. Wor. Bro. Tapper also took the recipient to dinner on behalf of Harmony Lodge.

November 3, 1981, was an Education Night for McKinley Lodge. Yours truly gave a program on "The Randolph's of Virginia." They were outstanding Statesmen and Masons during the Revolution Period of our Nations history.

At the November Stated Meeting, Grand Master William L. Hufford was made an Honorary Member of McKinley Lodge.

The annual Past Master's Dinner was held on November 19, 1981. The tickets for the event sold at $4.00.

This writer received the following highly complimentary letter dated November 19, 1981 from Wor. Master David R. Schichner.

"Dear Brother Bill:

The year 1981 will soon end and the time for evaluation is at hand. Your involvement with the Mentors Committee has indeed accomplished my goal of changing the format of the presentation of Masonic Education to our new members. I am sure few Lodges are blessed with a member such as you,

capable of delivering a high caliber presentation in such a professional manner.

The prestige that comes to McKinley Lodge, being the home of a future Grand Master, brings us great honor and responsibility. With the change in the reception date from 1983 to 1982, preparations for the Grand Master's Reception became a high priority to me.

You were appointed in line by our future Grand Master, making you a likely candidate to head the Steering Committee for his reception. Aside from this coincidence you would have remained my choice to undertake such an important task. I knew you would face this assignment with the same thoroughness you have displayed in prior commitments.

No one will ever know the amount of time and effort you have contributed in these two areas alone. McKinley Lodge is grateful for your loyalty, and I am appreciative of the support you have given me both personally and as Master of McKinley Lodge."

Respectfully and Fraternally,

David R. Schichner
Worshipful Master

This writer states that without the almost super human effort of Dave Schichner in raising the money for the reception as well as assisting in many of the details required to plan and carry out the reception, it would not have fared half so well.

The Scottish Rite had declared the week of November 22-28, 1981, to be "Family Life Week". This writer secured a proclamation from his Honor Mayor Edward J. Raskowski, proclaiming Family Life Week in Hammond to correspond to the Scottish Rite Declaration. Wor. Bro. Tapper, this writer, Bros. Robert Zweig and Howard Kahle were present when Mayor Raskowski signed the Proclamation on November 16, 1981.

A Christmas Party on December 5, 1981 was held jointly with Garfield Lodge and as usual was a huge success. McKinley Lodge hosted the Feast of St. John on December 28, 1981. This writer was the speaker for the evening and although the minutes say "William F. McNabney, Ed.D., P.M., gave a very interesting speech that was enjoyed by all," this writer remembers it was far from what he expected of himself that night.

Among those given gratuities, the Office and Custodial Staff at Christmas time, was Brother "Jack" Dillon. Jack, the father-in-law of Wor. Master Dave Schichner, for several years did an outstanding job at keeping the Temple clean and ready for all of the many scheduled events.

During 1981, McKinley Lodge Initiated 17, Passed 21 to the Degree of Fellowcraft, and Raised the following 25 to the Sublime degree of Master Mason:

Duane Edward Baldwin
Richard Lewis Berry
Hershal Owen Byrd
Harry Virgil Dudzik
Roy Dayton Guy
Richard Curtis Le Neave
William Bruce Miller
John Lee Nolan
James Dennis Pastor
Wayne Leo Russell
Warren Martin Walle
Robbie Alfred White
David William Barron
William Edward Bilyak
Robert Bucklie Cruse
Andrew Aaron Farkas
Thomas Chester Houts
Thomas Frederick Lowrance,Jr.
Eugene Mosley
Nicholas Peter Pappas
John Alvarez Ruiz
John Alvarez Ruiz, III
Thomas Randall Wayt

The dues were remitted for 17 Distressed Worthy Brothers and for 14 Fifty-year Members.

The following 12 Demmitted in 1981:

Duane Edward Baldwin
Kennard Ray Coots (T)
Eldon Davis Hills (T)
Wayne John Mecklenburg
Frank Fall Quinn (T)
Leroy Francis Smith (T)
Dr. Bruce Conrad Cook
Robert Edward Hansen
Walter Marlow Kelly
Ralph David Olsen (T)
John Thomas Smethers
Jeffrey Edward Stoddard (T)

Eight were suspended for nonpayment of dues.

The following 33 members died in 1981:

William Morris Bernhardt
George frederick Bremer
Charles Samuel Campbell
Harold Robert Fleming *
Rudolph Gallucci (* By Torrence Lodge No 447, California)
Lester Delphin Gullickson
Arthuer Glenwood Halbrook
Lawrence Paul Holm *
Forest William Imer *
Harold Melvin Kelley
August Rudolph Lundgren *
Charles Heck Miller
Roy Arthur Muenich *
Roland Jess Nutting *
Theodore Dell Bradburn *
Charles Wilson Bussell *
Fred William Deering *
Charels Gerald Garrett
Floyd K. Gwinner, P.M. *
Walter rancis Harbert
Richard See Holson
Harold Edward Janzig
Melvin William Kuschel
Benny Meo
Paul Morris
Clyde Harry Northrop *
Elmer Thomas Pohlplatz

Walter Hans Schweitzer
Herbert Adolph Sorenson *
Charles George Vogel
Einar Richard Sorenson
Fred William Spoerner

The total membership of McKinley Lodge reported on December 31, 1981, was 1035.

***** 1982 *****

The Annual Installation of Officers for 1982 was held Saturday, December 26, 1981. The Installing Master was B. Dwight Beaman, P.M., the Installing Marshal was William F. McNabney, P.M., the Installing Secretary was Russell M. Foss, P.M., the Installing Chaplain was Cecil F. Lindsey, P.M., the Master of Ceremonies was Clarence A. Tapper, P.M. and Deputy Grand Master, the Coordinator was Hayward E. Glidewell, P.M., and the Installing Organist was David R. Schichner, P.M.

The Officers Installed for 1982 were as follows:

W.M. Gerald L. Wood
S.W. Coy E. Bonner
J.W. William E. Fullgraf
Treas. Donald I. Henry, P.M.
Sec'y. Raymond W. Woomer
Tyler Edward A. Evans
S.D. Edward B. Peek
J.D. Barry L. McKnight
S.S. James E. McNabney
J.S. William B, Miller
Chap. Cecil F. Lindsey, P.M.
Organ Louis Toth, P.M.

Brother Lawrence Lundgren sang "Bless This House" and after the Officers were Installed, a Past Master's apron and jewel were presented to Wor. Bro. Emmett Somers after he delivered a farewell address. Bro. Lundgren's closing number was, The Lord's Prayer. Following the introduction of officers, their wives and special guests, a reception was held in the Arabian Room.

The "No Sam Club" (MASON) spelled backwards was getting donations of $25.00 for a Gold Card Membership and $5.00 for a Green Card Membership. All these proceeds were going toward the cost of the coming reception for the Grand Master. This writer's records show there were 38 Gold Card Members plus $100.00 from Abbie Hanson Chapter, O.E.S., and 53 Green Card Members. (Five Green Card Members donated $10.00 and one donated $15.00)
The names of every No Sam Club Member was placed in a Golden Engraved Book and Presented to Wor. Bro. Clarence A. Tapper at the Grand Master's Reception in his honor on June 19, 1982.

The Grand Lodge dues assessment bill for 1981 was $11,660 and money in our general operating fund was becoming quite scarce. Somehow it all

worked out okay and we continued to plan for the big reception slated for June 19, 1982.

On March 16, 1982, a Cornbeef and Cabbage Dinner was followed by the Past Masters exemplifying the E.A. Degree, supposedly to show how it should be done. The problem was that those participating in the exemplification didn't do as well as they expected of themselves, yours truly included.

March 30, 1982, McKinley Lodge made a visitation to Glen Park Lodge No. 732 and watched the E.A. Degree conferred in a proper manner.

April 6, 1982 was set aside as an "Education Night" and this writer was requested to follow-up on a previous presentation of the Life of The Marquise de Lafayette. An excellent question and answer period followed.

The April 13, 1982 Stated Meeting, brought the reading of a letter from Grand Master William L. Hufford dated March 18, 1982, announcing the appointments and coming Installation on March 27, 1982 of the following:

C.C. "Buddy" Faulkner	Junior Grand Warden
Judge, George C. Tolen	Senior Grand Deacon
Jo C. Paxton	Junior Grand Deacon

McKinley Lodge had already been affected when Wor. Bro. Clarence A. Tapper had moved up a station in the Grand Line the previous year. The announcement of the new changes further affected our planned reception with printing and announcement changes.

The April 1982, Stated Meeting also brought the annual report from the MBA and their statement still showed a net worth of $227,100.55. However, $212,125.00 was in common stock and there was a great deal of skepticism regarding the real worth of the stock.

May 19, 1982 was a red letter day for McKinley Lodge. The Lodge Officers, many members and their wives traveled to Indianapolis to be present at the Installation of Wor. Bro. Clarence A. Tapper of McKinley Lodge, as Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Indiana. On the afternoon of May 19, 1982, a public Installation of the Grand Lodge Officers was held in the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Indianapolis, Indiana.

What a thrill it was to see Wor. Bro. Tapper being escorted into the room by Wor. Master Emmett Somers and hear the accompanying trumpet fanfare, the resounding organ music and to be a part of the Installation. This writer was escorted into the room by McKinley's Senior Warden Gerald L. Wood. It was an impressive ceremony and after watching the Installation and Proclamation announcing Wor. Bro. Clarence as Grand Master, this writer was privileged

to be Installed as Grand Marshal of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana. William McNabney will be forever grateful to Wor. Bro. Clarence "Butch" Tapper for the trust, the respect and the honor of the appointment.

How good it was to see McKinley's Secretary, Brother Ray Woomer, on stage with the Grand Secretary and Wor. Master Emmett Somers as a part of the ceremony.

Wor. Bro. Clarence Tapper, this writer and all of McKinley Lodge are very grateful to Wor. Bro. Dave Schichner who video taped the entire Installation and there now exists a visual record of the proceedings.

One month later, on June 19, 1982, a reception hosted by McKinley Lodge was given for Grand Master Tapper at the Holiday Star Plaza in Merrillville, Indiana. Wor. Bro. Hayward Glidewell and his wife Ruth spent many hours sending out the invitations to hundreds of distinguished Masons and kept track of the RSVP responses and the accompanying checks. There were so many McKinley Members and their wives who helped make this event one of the finest if not the finest event every given in the history of McKinley Lodge.

It is impossible to place each of the names of those who worked on the reception in this volume. They had the programs printed, arranged the overnight hotel accommodations for over 80 guests plus a hospitality room for both Friday and Saturday night of June 18 and 19th. They arranged the receiving line, the table reservation seating, the menu, the entertainment, a breakfast for distinguished guests on Sunday morning and transportation to church for those requesting it.

On the video tape one sees at least 30 McKinley Members and their wives assisting the Holiday Plaza employees in placing the tables, helping set the tables, placing the table decorations they made on each of the 40 tables plus the Head Table.

The price of the Reception and Dinner was $15.00 per person and again, Wor. Brother Hayward and wife Ruth Glidewell collected and kept track of all the money sent in. There were 296 tickets sold and 88 free guest tickets for a total of 384. There were six tickets purchased that were not used. The main course on the menu was Roast Prime Rib of Beef Aujus along with tossed garden salad, three vegetables, baked potato, rolls and coffee, tea or milk. All this was topped off with a desert of Chocolate Parfait.

The entertainment for the evening was a fantastic musical program by the nationally renown Chorus of the Dunes under the direction of Lawrence "Dick" Mackin. The cost of the Reception to the Holiday Star Plaza was $7051.80 for the Banquet plus 1,719.55 for the room accommodations for our Grand Lodge guests and hospitality suite (a total of $8,771.35). The cost of

the breakfast was $642.00 plus $96.30 gratuity. Other costs including table favors were &95.35 for a total cost to the Holiday Star Plaza of $9505.05. The cost for the "Chorus of the Dunes was $250.00.

Once again, this writer apologizes to Wor. Bro Dave Schichner for the sin of omission during all the introductions and presentations required of him in the roll of Master of Ceremonies. The failure of this writer to recognize Wor. Bro. Dave for the presentation of the portrait of Grand Master Tapper was inexcusable and cannot be forgotten.

This volume would not be complete without the following account of the accomplishments of the man we honored that night.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Clarence A. Tapper was the 132nd Grand Master of Masons in the State of Indiana. He was the second of five children born on September 14, 1928 to Norman A. and Ethel Whitmire Tapper of Hammond, Indiana.

He attended the public schools in Hammond, being graduated from Hammond High School in 1946. He attended the University of Chattanooga in Tennessee on a scholarship and co-captained the football team, playing all four years for the school while obtaining his Bachelor Degree in Business Administration. "Butch" is a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

During his senior year at college he met Georgia Travis. They were married October 27, 1950 and almost immediately he was called to military service. He spent the next two years in the U.S. Army in Virginia and later in Germany with the Army of Occupation.

He returned to Hammond and began work at Calumet Federal Savings and Loan Association, as Assistant Secretary and Treasurer, moving up to Vice President and Manager and in January of 1971, "Butch" became President of the Association.

He continued his studies at Indiana University, East Chicago Extension taking classes in economics, real estate, taxes, and later was graduated from the Indiana University Graduate School of Savings and Loan.

He has been very active in community affairs. He is a Past Director and Treasurer of the Hammond YMCA, Past President of the Hammond Insurance Agents Association, Past Director of the Hammond Chamber of Commerce, Director of the Woodmar Kiwanis Club, Director of the Hammond Downtown Council, Vice President of the Savings and Loan League of Indiana, a member of the Hammond Board of Realtors and Home Builders Association of Northern Indiana.

Wor. Bro. Clarence was Initiated, Past and Raised a Master Mason in McKinley

Lodge and served as Worshipful Master in 1975. He served as Most Wise Master of the John Hazen White Chapter of Rose Croix in the Scottish Rite Valley of South Bend and was President of the North Township Scottish Rite Club. He was the Potentate of Orak Temple AAONMS, in 1972, and was its Treasurer for seven years. He is a honorary member of the DeMolay Legion of Honor, a member of Abbie Hanson Chapter, O.E.S., the Red Cross of Constantine, St. Hilary Conclave, Fort Wayne, Indiana, a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, a member of the York Rite Bodies in Hammond and the York Rite College No. 73 in Hammond.

He was the recipient of the 33rd Degree in Philadelphia in September of 1981 and was appointed Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of Indiana by Grand Master Roy O. Turner and in May of 1878, he was named to the Grand Lodge Progressive Line as Junior Grand Deacon by Grand Master William E. Hepley, and regularly advance through the Grand Line. Grand Master Tapper and his wife Georgia have four children.

Recently, in 1993, Past Grand Master Clarence A. Tapper retired from Calumet Federal merging his Savings and Loan with Security Federal where he will serve on the Board of Directors.

Few from McKinley Lodge know of the extensive travel and expense required of the Grand Lodge Officers during the 1982-1983 Grand Lodge Year. From dedicating the new gravesite of Indiana's first Governor and Past Grand Master Jonathan Jennings for Blazing Star Lodge No. 226, in Charlestown, Indiana to the dedication of a new Masonic Temple, Lodge No. 642, in Wheatfield, Indiana.

The Grand Lodge Proceedings of 1933 for the Grand Master lists 32 visitations in Indiana, plus seven new Lodge dedications, three Re-dedications on Lodge Centennials, and nine visitations to Grand Lodge Communications in other states. It is no wonder that the members of McKinley Lodge can take pardonable pride in one of their members, Most Worthy Brother, now Past Grand Master, Clarence A. Tapper.

To return to the normal business of the Lodge, a Franks and Beans Dinner for Past Masters was held on June 22, 1982 and after the dinner twenty-five year awards were presented by Wor. Bro, C. William Chansler to eligible members.

At the July 1982 Stated Meeting, the Lodge presented a certificate of appreciation to Bro. Howard Kahle for his work on the Mentors Committee. It was also on July 10, 1982 that McKinley visited Mitchell Lodge No. 228 in Mitchell, Indiana. Their Worshipful Master, Egon Frederich Riehl, had been Raised in McKinley Lodge. McKinley conferred the MM Degree on McKinley candidate Lee Manno. The next day the McKinley members traveled on to Madison, Indiana visiting Schofield House and staying the night in cabins at the Clifty Falls State Park.

On their way home Sunday, July 12, 1982 they stopped to visit at the Indiana Masonic Home in Franklin, Indiana. This weekend trip totaled almost 600 miles.

It was at the July 13,1982 Stated Meeting, that the petition of Michael Earl Glidewell was among the six that were read. He is the son of Wor. Bro. Hayward E. Glidewell.

In August 1982, the Lodge received permission from Grand Lodge to have the "Statement of Dues and Assessments" and the "Dues Cards" printed as per the sample received, for the year 1983.

November 13, 1982 was the night of the annual Past Master's Dinner. The Past Masters and their Ladies were entertained by the Orak Chanters under the direction of McKinley Bro. James Qualkinbush.

A proposed By-Laws change to Article 8, Section 1 proposed that the petitions fee now be increased $15.00, due to the $5.00 increase required by Grand Lodge for the George Washington Masonic Memorial renovation; also, to charge the postage for registered mail required for notification of charges resulting from nonpayment of dues in a timely fashion; also, to put in the By-Laws the new Reg. 40.010 regarding Dual Membership application to be accompanied with a fee of $50.00.

The above By-Laws revision was approved at the December 1982, Stated Meeting. It was also at this meeting that plaques were presented to this writer and to Wor. Bro. Hayward Glidewell for the work done on the Grand Master's Reception. Mrs. Glidewell also received a bouquet of Roses. It was at this meeting that the Balance on Hand in our General Fund was reported as $16.91. Our general fund was all but gone, but our total assets were listed as $137,490.44.

During 1982, McKinley Lodge Initiated 15, Passed 8 to the Degree of Fellowcraft and Raised the following 12 to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

Gerald Alexander	Bill Cullen Ciers
Woodrow Cruse	Waldo Leondrd Foster
Lawrence Arnett Lashbrook	Donald Ray Loeffler
Leonard Michael Malinowski	Leon Francis Manno
Gregory McCallister	David Carmen Mobile
Raymond Thomas Simanson	Leonard Staples

Ervin Luther Christian affiliated with McKinley in 1982.

Dues were remitted for 16 Worthy Distressed Brothers and for 26 Fifty-year Members.

Terry Gene Peevyhouse was restored to membership.

The following five demitted in 1982:

Harvey Wayne Britton (T)
Wade Franklin Goins
Stanley Skalicky (T)
Donald Glen Elmon (T)
George Erwin Schiffbauer

Seven were suspended for nonpayment of dues.

The following 18 Brothers died in 1982:

Julius Bland
Harold Thomas Broster
Joseph Calvin Hankins (* By Triangle Lodge 638, St.Louis Mo.)
Wayne Charles Guy
Alonzo Leland McClanahan*
Earl Richard Prahlow * (Wor. Bro. Otto Burkybile of Griffith Lodge No. 735 was granted permission to act as Wor. Master)
Arthur Elmer Peters
James Henry Ross*
Carl Franklin Shultz*
Frederick Browning Wing*
Clarence Albert Bolen
Walter Scott Green
Milford William Hess
Kenneth Wendell Merrill*
William Rix*
Paul Howard Shaw*
Arthur M. Sluyter
Jacob Kasper Woerner*

***** 1983 *****

The annual Installation of Officers for McKinley Lodge for 1983 was held Saturday, December 18, 1982. The Installing Master was B. Dwight Beaman, P.M., the Installing Marshal was William F. McNabney, P.M. and Grand Marshal, the Installing Secretary was Russell M. Foss, P.M., the Installing Chaplain was Cecil F. Lindsey, P.M., the Master of Ceremonies was Most Worshipful Grand Master, Clarence A. Tapper, the Installing Organist was David R. Schichner, P.M., and the Coordinator was Hayward E. Glidewell, P.M.

The following Officers for 1983 were Installed:

W.M. Gerald L. Wood
S.W. Coy E. Bonner
J.W. William E. Fullgraf
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S.D. Edward B. Peek
J.D. Barry L. McKnight
S.S. James E. McNabney
J.S. William B. Miller
Chap Cecil F. Lindsey, P.M.
Organ Louis Toth, P.M.

The vocalist for the evening was Bro. Lawrence A. Lundgren who sang "Bless This House" and "The Lord's Prayer." A reception was held in the Arabian

room following the ceremony.

McKinley Lodge had approved a change in the By-Laws, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge, regarding a penalty to be assessed those to whom it was necessary to send notice by Registered Mail of dues delinquency. At the January 11, 1983 Stated Meeting, a letter from Grand Lodge stated "this arbitrary penalty" can not be assessed. The By-Laws were revised again and the proposed penalty was dropped.

It was at the February 1983 Stated Meeting, that a letter was read inviting all to join in a Masonic Night with the DeMolay for a trip to watch the Chicago Bulls play Basketball on April 1, 1983.

March 8, 1983, the DeMolay honored Most Wor. Grand Master Clarence Tapper with a Grand Master's Class in his honor. March 8, 1983 was also McKinley's Stated Meeting and the resignation of Junior Steward William B. Miller was read and accepted. Martin E. Scheeringa was immediately appointed and installed as Junior Steward with this writer acting as Installing Master and as Marshal in making the Proclamation.

April 7, 1983 McKinley and Garfield shared a pot luck dinner for friends and family and all enjoyed an evening of fellowship and good will. Griffith Lodge No. 735 were guests of McKinley on April 19, 1983 to see our Craftsmen confer the E.A. Degree on McKinley candidate Darcel Ray Moffett.

The MBA Financial Report for 1982 was read as follows:

Assets

Building	$148,246.79
Real Estate	$ 24,950.00
Cash Reserves	$ 31,018.21
Cash on Hand	$ 731.61
TOTAL	$204,946.61

Liabilities

Common Stock	$212,125.00
Net worth	$ 19,415.36
Sub Total	$231,540.36
Less Treasury Stock	$ 26,593.75
TOTAL	$204,946.61

With the loss of Orak Shrine revenues it became obvious that the financial condition of the Hammond Masonic Building Association was not good.

However, a bit of brighter news was also read at the May, 1983 Stated Meeting. McKinley Lodge had received the Grand Master's Award for 1982-1983. It was quite an honor. The Lodge received permission to move McKinley's Charter to the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Indianapolis on May 17 - 18, 1983,

and was privileged to open the Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana for the 165th Annual Communication.

The Lodge Officers did a fine job in the presence of over five hundred Grand Lodge Members and Subordinate Lodge Members present. It was another first for McKinley Lodge and Grand Master Clarence A. Tapper and Grand Marshal William F. McNabney were more than proud of the McKinley Lodge Officers.

Kind mention was made by Bro. Barry McKnight, J.D., in the May, 1983, Square and Compass of the appointment of this writer as the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, Canada, Representative, to the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

Permission was granted to move McKinley's Charter to Schofield House in Madison, Indiana to confer the E.A. Degree on June 18, 1983, and several members enjoyed the trip to Madison.

McKinley Lodge celebrated St. John the Baptist Day, June 26, 1983, by attending church services together at the Ridge Methodist Church in Munster, Indiana.

This writer was asked to give a report at the July 1983 Stated Meeting, about the worsening financial condition of the MBA. Following the report he recommended the appointment of a committee to establish "Long and Short Range Goals after studying alternatives relative to McKinley's future and implement them by the year 1985." He made the resolution and it was adopted.

He also called for a resolution for Lodge Members to volunteer to take part in his Masonic Play, "The Mason Who Served Two Flags." No such resolution was forthcoming and the matter was dropped.

September was soon upon us and on the 13th, a dinner preceded the Stated Meeting. At this meeting, Senior Warden Coy Bonner, who had been required to act in the Master's absence at most of the meetings since May 1983, appointed Junior Warden William Fullgraf, Chairman of the Goals and Facilities Committee. Bro. Bonner charged the committee "to investigate a more economical meeting place for McKinley Lodge and to report their recommendation at the October 11, 1983, Stated Meeting." It proved to be a very wise choice.

Twenty-five year pins were presented to five eligible members present at the October Stated meeting and twenty pins were sent to those eligible but not in attendance. Our present (1993) Chaplain, Wor. Bro. Harry E. Personett had been elected by the Scottish Rite of South Bend to receive their Meritorious Service Award and the honor was published in the September 1983 edition of the Square and Compass.

The resignations of Senior Deacon Ed. Peek, and Junior Steward Martin Scheeringa were read and accepted at the October 11, 1983 Stated Meeting. "Marty" was moving out of the area and Brother Ed. Peek was deeply involved in a personal business venture requiring all his time.

A dinner honoring Past Masters was held on October 22, 1983, and was served by Abbie Hanson Officers Club and those present were entertained by Wor. Bro. Cecil Lindsey who recited a number of humorous anecdotes and poems. He was a master with poetry.

Another father and son event took place on November 1, 1983 when Wor. Bro. Hayward Glidewell presided in the East during the Raising of his son Michael Earl Glidewell to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Wor Bro. Hayward also made the Bible presentation to his son.

Throughout the year, Junior Deacon Barry L. McKnight had been writing the article for the Square and Compass and in every issue he came up with a saying of beauty and wisdom or advice for the Members. One remembered by this writer was in the June 1983 issue and said "The man who kneels to God can stand up to anything."

On a very sad note, Wor. Bro. Frazier F. Andrews died in Mesa, Arizona on December 3, 1983. McKinley held a memorial service on December 6, 1983 for this Past Master who meant so very much to this writer and to McKinley Lodge. He served the Lodge well for many years.

The year ended with the usual flurry of activity. Small tokens of appreciation were awarded at Christmas to the MBA Office Staff, i.e., Billie Bielfuss, Billye Oman and Virginia Franks. Each of these ladies had spent an inordinate amount of time in helping the Masonic Bodies in the Temple. The annual Christmas Party was held on December 3, and the Annual Election of Officers was held at the December 13, 1983 Stated Meeting.

During 1983, McKinley Lodge Initiated 12, Passed 15 to the Degree of Fellowcraft and Raised the following eight to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

Victor Lynn Barks	Clarke Gordon Gholson
Michael Earl Glidewell	Albert Gonzales
Robert Allen Hawkins	Robert Jacob Novelo
Robert Lewis Ruiz	Kenneth Erwin Schumann

Two were restored to membership.

Hermon Alton Cothran	Terry Gene Peevyhouse

Dues for 21 fifty-year members and 18 distressed worthy Brothers were remitted.

Eleven members were suspended for nonpayment of dues.

Ten members Demitted in 1983.

Irvin Leppoe (T)	**Joseph Andrew Blazik**
William Jack Boyd (T)	**Johnnie Earl Brogan (T)**
Russell Dale Moore (T)	**Howard Glen Ness**
Gail Lemoyne Renicker	**Charles Henry Walsh (T)**
Arthur Wenner	**Harold John Young (T)**

The following thirty members died in 1983.

William Lynn Agnew	**Frazier Frances Andrews, P.M.***
Louis Joseph Antonini	**Gregory George Baltas**
Durward Junior Brown	**Jack E. Davis ***
Robert O. Burton (* Courtesy of Stockton # 498, Stockton, CA)	
Adolf Herman Eidam *	**Herbert Edward Fisher**
Roy Andrew Fraza	**Elbert Henry Garmany ***
William Clark Hellwig	**Cecil Franklin Hicks ***
John Douglas James	**Roy Huff Kennedy**
Harvey George Kirkeiner	**James Marion Lawrence ***
Joseph Lukaszenski	**George Stiteley Malo ***
John Anthony McClean *	**George Robert Means, Jr.**
Thomas Brown Nichols *	**Sebren Thomas Puryear**
Wilbur Leo Rogge	**Henry Dickens Rowley**
Guy Bevere Smith *	**Donald Eugene Strayer**
Andrew Wagner *	**Arnold Dean Wilson ***
Frederick Ernst Wilson *	

******* 1984 *******

The Installation of the 1984 Officers was held December 17, 1983. The Installing Master was B. Dwight Beaman, P.M., the Installing Marshal was Russell M. Foss, P.M., the Installing Secretary was Hayward E. Glidewell, P.M., the Installing Chaplain was C. Wayne Cox, P.M., the Installing Organist was David R. Schichner, P.M., the Coordinator was Robert E. Franks, P.M., and the Master of Ceremonies was Harry A. Shumaker, P.M.

The 1984 Officers Installed were:

W.M. Coy E. Bonner	**S.D. James E. McNabney**
S.W. William E. Fullgraf	**J.D. Ernest G. Cunningham**
J.W. Barry L. McKnight	**S.S. Regino M Covarrubias**
Treas. Donald I. Henry, P.M.	**J.S. Thomas F. Lowrance**

Sec'y. Raymond W. Woomer Chap. Cecil F. Lindsey, P.M.
Tyler Edward A. Evans

Brother David King, a member of Garfield Lodge and a neighbor of the newly installed Wor. Master Coy E. Bonner, presented Coy with a beautiful gavel. Bro. Lawrence A. Lundgren sang "The Lord's Prayer" at the close of the program. A reception followed the Installation Ceremony.

The January 10, 1984 Stated Meeting, brought the reading of the petition of Brian Wayne Cox, son of Wor. Bro. C. Wayne Cox. It also brought a motion from Wor. Bro. Clarence Covault to authorize Realtor Bro. Howard Cyrus to make an offer of not less than $95,000.00 nor more than $140,000.00 for a facility at 1801 - 167th St. in Hammond for a new home for McKinley Lodge. The motion was seconded by Wor. Bro. Bob Franks and it carried. A notice was read at this meeting that beginning February 1, 1984, there would no longer be an Office Staff in the Hammond Temple in order to reduce the operating costs of the MBA.

The February 28, 1984 visitation to Glen Park Lodge had to be canceled because of a horrendous snow storm. The visitation was rescheduled for April 24, 1984.

The March 1984 Stated Meeting, brought the reading of a letter from Miss Julie Gruszka of Bethel # 14, Job's Daughters, requesting financial sponsorship to attend the Miss Indiana Job's Daughters Pageant in Indianapolis and assistance was voted. On March 27, 1984, Senior Warden Bill Fullgraf put together a Senior Warden's Night for Lake County with McKinley Lodge as host. The Senior Wardens present represented East Chicago, Griffith, Indiana Harbor, Glen Park, Gary, Garfield and Whiting. The senior Wardens conferred the Fellowcraft Degree on Edwin Lee Wilking following a fine dinner served by the Abbie Hanson O.E.S., Officer's Club.

The March, 1984 Stated Meeting brought the appointment by Wor. Master Coy Bonner, of Wor. Bro. Hayward Glidewell to chair a committee to investigate the purchase of a computer system to be used by the Secretary and the Treasurer.

April 17, 1984, McKinley Lodge entertained a visit from Arcadia Lodge No. 1138, of Lansing, Illinois. Their Wor. Brother, Ralph Loss was made an Honorary Member of McKinley Lodge at the April 10, 1984 Stated Meeting. Arcadia conferred the MM Degree on their candidate Stanley Robert Long with Arcadia Wor. Master Kenneth G. Ekstrom presiding in the East. There were over 100 Masons who signed the register that night.

May 1984, was a traveling month for McKinley Lodge. May 5, 1984, Wor. Master Bonner led the Lodge on a pilgrimage to Schofield House in Madison, Indiana. The entourage spent the night at Clifty Falls State Park and the next

day went to Franklin, Indiana to pay a visit to the Masonic Home.

At the May 8, 1984 Stated Meeting, Senior Deacon Ernest Cunningham, as Special Deputy of the Grand Master, presented the Grand Lodge Fifty- year Award of Gold to McKinley member Harry Amstein. Bro. Birch Felix was also a recipient of the award which was presented to him while he was in the hospital. Wor. Master Bonner made the presentation.

St. John the Baptist Day was celebrated by the Lodge attending Church Services as the St. Timothy Episcopal Church in Griffith, Indiana.

July 10, 1984 was awards night. Twenty-five year pins were presented to five eligible members present and seventeen were mailed. Also, P.G.M. Clarence Tapper, as Special Deputy of the Grand Master, presented the Grand Lodge Award of Gold to Homer Reeves.

Also at the meeting on July 10, 1984, Wor. Bro. Fullgraf as Chairman of the Goals and Facilities Committee, reported on a Church in Schererville, Indiana as a possible new home and set July 14, 1984 as a day for the membership to view the facility for possible purchase.

A Grand Lodge Award of Gold was presented by Wor. Bro. J. Lloyd Crooks to McKinley Past Master (1942) Claude H. Johnson at the August 14, 1984 Stated Meeting. Goals and Facilities Committee Chairman Fullgraf, announced he had deposited $1500.00 with Price realty for the Schererville property with the understanding that should the Lodge fail to vote in favor of the property, the money would be returned. Bro. Fullgraf and Wor. Master Bonner placed an announcement in the September 1984, Square and Compass stating that a vote on the purchase of the Schererville property, 330 - 68th Place in Schererville, Indiana would be taken at the October 1984 Stated Meeting.

It must be mentioned that a great deal of preparation for such a vote is required by the Grand Lodge Supervisory Committee. They must personally inspect the property before authorizing a subordinate Lodge, i.e., McKinley Lodge to purchase property for use as a Masonic Lodge. A great deal of credit must go to Bro. Fullgraf and his entire committee for arranging a visitation by the Grand Lodge Supervisory Committee and securing permission to purchase. He and his committee also had to prepare the Lodge Members for such a gigantic step.

The resolution signed and read by Wor. Bro. Audrian G. Burroughs at the September 11, 1984 Stated Meeting was as follows: "Be it resolved that, McKinley Lodge, 712, purchase the property at 330 - 68th Place, Schererville, Indiana, known as The Schererville Church of God, with intentions to move to said facility as soon as possible if approved by the membership of McKinley Lodge at the Stated Meeting on October 9, 1984."

The resolution was seconded by Wor. Bro. Robert E. Franks. and passed by the membership. A motion was then made by Wor. Bro. C.Wayne Cox, seconded by Wor. Bro. B. Dwight Beaman, that a letter be written to all members advising them they could see the property at a specified time. The motion did not carry, but Wor. Bro. Glidewell and Bro. Fullgraf announced they would be present throughout September 22, 1984, to show the facility to members who had not had a chance to see it.

An excellent and comprehensive Cost Comparison Talk with accompanying charts was presented by Senior Deacon James E. McNabney showing expenses over the past twelve months at the Muenich Court Facility and the projected costs for twelve months at the proposed Schererville facility. The projected cost of land and of building a new facility were compared to the cost plus renovation of the Schererville Facility was also presented by Bro. Jim. The figures were based on the "Boeckh Index -Division of American Appraisal Associates, Inc."

The excellent preparation and detail of this report was a major contributing factor in educating the membership to the need to take action quickly to avoid the continued rapid decline of our financial assets.

A letter by Worshipful Master Coy Bonner was sent to the MBA with a copy to the presiding Officer of every Masonic and Appendant Body in the Hammond Temple informing them of an impending vote by McKinley Lodge to purchase property and inviting each of them to join in the move with the promise to work out a schedule to accommodate them. The letter was most conciliatory and that McKinley Lodge wanted to part on the friendliest terms possible. The letter further said McKinley Lodge did not wish to leave any of the Masonic Bodies or affiliates in the Temple in an untenable position. We only asked that the disposition of McKinley Stock in the MBA be done in the same manner used when Orak Temple withdrew from the MBA. Wor. Master Bonner asked that the MBA Directors, minus the McKinley Lodge Directors meet and develop a proposal for the disposition of McKinley stock to their satisfaction.

As a consequence of the letter, McKinley gave up its MBA Stock. It had an estimated value of $16,300.00 according to the November 30, 1983 MBA Balance Sheet presented to the Lodge by Secretary Raymond W. Woomer at the December 13, 1983 Stated Meeting. This Balance Sheet became a part of the Annual Report to Grand Lodge. In return, the Lodge was permitted by the MBA to take the furniture in McKinley's Lodge Room in the Hammond Temple plus our the file cabinets, pictures, an additional desk and miscellaneous items belonging to McKinley Lodge.

McKinley Lodge visited Glen Park Lodge # 732 on September 22, 1984. On this special occasion, Most Worshipful Grand Master C.C."Buddy" Faulkner took part in the Degree and Raised McKinley candidate Michael Terry

Johnston to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

September 29, 1984, McKinley and Garfield Members traveled to Milwaukee, Wisconsin to visit an all German Lodge. After over two years in the study of the German language, this writer had difficulty following the German spoken by the Milwaukee Lodge as they conferred the MM Degree in German on their candidate. It was fascinating to see their interpretation of the Degree in German and everyone present had a great time.

At the October 9, 1984 Stated Meeting, a communication was read from Suisun Lodge No. 55, F. & A.M., Fairfield, California that as a courtesy requested by McKinley Lodge, they had Raised McKinley candidate Robert Lee Ohm on September 28, 1984.

A letter of resignation as Trustee from Wor. Bro. David R. Schichner was read and accepted. Wor. Bro. Dave was having to relocate as his job was transferred to California. To keep it, he and Peggy Dillon Schichner had to move west. Wor. Bro. Clarence Covault was appointed to take over as Trustee for Dave.

A most significant event in the history of McKinley Lodge took place at the October 9, 1984 Stated Meeting. The vote to purchase the Schererville, Indiana property for a new home was taken by secret "Ball and Cube Ballot." The vote was counted before the members present and there were seventy-four (74) votes in favor of the purchase and six (6) votes against the purchase. Although the number of members present for the vote was disappointing, ample notice of the importance of the vote and of the time and place of the vote had been given every member of McKinley Lodge with a request that everyone be present.

McKinley Lodge was going to move to Schererville!

Wor. Master Bonner of McKinley Lodge and Wor. Master James "Big Jim" Faulkner of Glen Park Lodge put together the first evening outdoor MM Degree at Hidden Lake near Glen Park. Mother nature got into the act however, and as rain began to fall, all adjourned to the Glen Park Lodge Hall for the degree work.

The "Chef" for the outdoor cook out prior to the Degree work was Senior Warden "Bill" Fullgraf assisted by Bro. Bill Smith and everyone but Bro. Ray Woomer got plenty to eat. Ray wasn't paying attention and took a bun with no Bratwurst in it.

November 3, 1984, McKinley honored it's Past Masters. The entertainment for the evening was again furnished by Wor. Bro. Cecil F. Lindsey. The dinner was in the Arabian Room and this was the last McKinley Past Masters dinner held in that room.

Garfield and McKinley jointly held the annual Christmas Party on December 1, 1984 in the Arabian Room. On December 10, 1984, McKinley visited Arcadia Lodge 1138 in Lansing, Illinois and conferred the Fellowcraft Degree on McKinley candidate, John Robert James.

This writer does not remember how it happened but to McKinley's great benefit, Wor. Bro. Hayward Glidewell accepted the leadership as "Chief Overseer" in renovating the newly purchased Church to make it suitable for a Lodge. This entailed an inordinate amount of work and Wor. Bro. Glidewell and his workers deserve far more credit than can be given by just a thank you. Among those who put in much time and effort along with Wor. Bro Glidewell were those retired Past Masters Audrian Burroughs, Robert Franks, Harry Shumaker, Clarence Covault, Bro. Ray Woomer and several other Brothers this writer doesn't know about. The work, when completed, was beautiful to behold.

As a tribute to Bro. Ernest Cunningham, Junior Deacon, this writer takes the following from Bro. Ernie's article in the December 1984 Square and Compass. "December 25, Christmas Day, the time we Christians celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior. Let us also remember the lessons contained within the book of life on which we Masons are taught to live and conduct our lives. As we celebrate Christmas this year let us remember the true meaning of Christmas. The Birth of Christ."

In recognition of our many Brothers of the Hebrew Faith we must also remember their celebration of Hanukkah, an eight-day Festival commemorating their victory over the Syrians and the rededication of the Temple at Jerusalem that is celebrated at this time of year.

The bills for renovation process began to come in as did the bill for moving, for Utility Service and insuring McKinley's new home. At the December 11, 1984 Stated Meeting, these bills totaled $2,704.24. The Lodge also authorized the final rent payment of $750.00 on the Hammond Temple to the MBA.

The annual report of the Treasurer, Wor. Bro. Donald I. Henry listed as assets the Schererville building, land and improvements totaling $73,001.62 with a total net worth of $149,869,25.

A Table Lodge was hosted by McKinley Lodge on December 27, 1984 in honor of St. John the Evangelist. The speaker of the evening was Past Grand Master, Clarence A. Tapper. His very interesting topic was "Masonry of the Past, the Present and the Future."

In 1984, McKinley Lodge Initiated 9, Passed 9 to the Degree of Fellowcraft and Raised the following 12 to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

Steven Mitchell Auld	C.J. Comstock
Vernon Hugh Cowley	Paul Woodrow Doughman
George Wayne Downs	Kenneth Gordon Johnston
Michael Terry Johnston	Frank William Kaftanic
James John Kovecsi	Darcel Ray Moffett
Robert James Morris	Edward Lee Wilking *(WM 1992)

One member, Charles Anthony Heim, was restored to membership.

Carl George Rumps affiliated from Whiting Lodge #613.

Dues were remitted for 19 fifty-year members and for 24 distressed worth Brothers.

The following Brothers Demitted in 1984:

Bartley M. Brown (T)	Darrell Webster Dorris
Paul Michael Feges	Anthony Charles Heim (T)
Edward Herkey	Paul Griffith McCoy II
Clyde John Otto (T)	James Lucian Scott (T)
Harrold John Young	

Nine members were suspended for nonpayment of dues.

The following 20 members died in 1984:

Edward Wheeler Chapman	Ervin Luther Christian *
John Hayden Cornelison	Vigie Wilson Evans
William Loren Evans	Charles Franklin Fairchild
Richard Grobner *	Anton Grosner *
Cecil Warren Iliff *	William Homer Jacobs *
Alex Katzman	George William Malcolm, P.M.*
William Ralph Matthews, Jr. *	Willard Daniel Moore
George Lewellyn Morris	George Howard Nehrbas
William Reed Parker	Arthur George Tibbits *
Charles Merle Williams	Francis Le Crone Wilson *

The annual report showed there were 908 members chargeable to Grand Lodge plus 42 whose dues were remitted. This gave a Total Membership for McKinley Lodge of 950 Members at the close of 1984.

***** 1985 *****

For the first time since McKinley Lodge was formed, the Installation of Officers for McKinley Lodge was not held in the Garfield or McKinley Lodge Room in the Hammond Masonic Temple.

The Installation of Officers for 1985 was held Saturday, December 22, 1984, in the new Lodge in Schererville, Indiana. This was made possible by a tremendous amount of physical work by Wor. Bro. Hayward Glidewell, Wor. Bro. Bill Fullgraf and others, too numerous to mention.

The Installing Master was William F. McNabney, P.M., the Installing Marshal was Harry A. Shumaker, P.M., the Installing Secretary was Martin Kaufman, P.M., the Installing Chaplain was C. Wayne Cox, P.M., the Coordinator was J. Lloyd Crooks, P.M., the Master of Ceremonies was Clarence A. Tapper, P.G.M., P.M. The ushers for the evening were William G. Henry, P.M., and Brother C.J. Comstock.

The Officers Installed to serve the Lodge for 1985 were as follows:

W.M. William E. Fullgraf	S.D. Ernest G. Cunningham
S.W. Barry L. McKnight	J.D. Robert E. Henry
J.W. James E. McNabney	S.S. Regino M. Covarrubias
Treas. Donald I. Henry, P.M.	J.S. Robert J. Pastor
Sec'y. Raymond W. Woomer	Chap. Cecil F. Lindsey, P.M.
Tyler Edward A. Evans	Organ Louis Toth, P.M.

The greatest contribution made by this writer to McKinley Lodge was his appointment of Brother William E. Fullgraf to the Officer Line of McKinley Lodge. Bill Fullgraf continues to be an outstanding leader and worker in McKinley Lodge.

Things got off to great start in the new Masonic Temple in Schererville, and at the January 8, 1985 Stated Meeting, Wor. Master Fullgraf dissolved the Goals and Facilities Committee that had been formed on July 12, 1983. Bills presented at this meeting related to beginning work in the new Temple were as follows:

Moving Expense to Bill's Movers	$ 520.00
NIPSCO (Air Conditioning Bill) and Deposit	$ 397.00
Illiana Disposal (Waste Container and Contract)	$ 140.00
Schilling Bros. Lumber (Renovation Materials)	$ 318.29
SBC Janitor Supplies	$ 239.49
Total	$1814.78

Insurance Costs and various other expenses were yet to be submitted. The Lodge had authorized a Plaque to be presented to Wor. Bro. Hayward Glidewell for the great amount of work and fine leadership he exercised in getting the Temple ready for occupancy. It was a well-deserved honor. When this writer asked Wor. Master Fullgraf what stood out most in his year he replied that his greatest satisfaction was that so many worked together so well and did so much to get the new Temple ready in the short span of a few weeks.

It should be mentioned here that a letter from Grand Master, C. C. "Buddy" Faulkner dated December 19, 1984 and addresses to then Wor. Master Coy Bonner was read at the January 1985 Stated Meeting but there were serious questions surrounding the letter that needed to be cleared up. Wor. Master Fullgraf exercised excellent leadership in this matter. The letter to Wor. Master Bonner said, "By this time you are aware of the fact that prescribed Masonic Law was not followed when the leadership of your Lodge undertook to purchase and remodel a new Lodge Hall without first obtaining permission from the Grand Lodge Supervisory Board. Although McKinley Lodge has complied with those regulations after-the-fact, you are advised of the Grand Master's unhappiness and disappointment that the Regulations were not followed from the beginning of the entire process. Please convey this information to the Lodge at your next Stated Meeting and include a copy thereof in your minutes."

In a telephone conversation on December 17, 1984 with the Most Worshipful Brother Robert H. Miller, Chairman of the Grand Lodge Supervisory Board, PGM Miller recommended that the Grand Master give permission to McKinley Lodge to move its Charter to the new facility, effective December 22, 1984. His recommendation was based on an inspection on December 17, 1984, made by Most Worshipful Brothers George F. Becknell and Clarence A. Tapper, all Past Grand Masters and their favorable recommendation to the Supervisory Board.

The letter from the Grand Master to McKinley Lodge regarding moving the Charter further states, "Official Permission is enclosed herewith, with an admonition to the Leadership of the Lodge to pay strict obedience to the Law in the future."

Naturally, this shook every member of McKinley Lodge. Wor. Bro. Fullgraf personally talked with M.W.Brother Robert H. MIller at the Founder's Day Conference on January 12, 1985 in a successful attempt to clear up any misunderstanding that might have occurred resulting in the admonition from the Grand Master. Past Grand Master Miller wrote Wor. Master Fullgraf on January 13, 1985 as follows:

"In reference to our conversation yesterday at the Founder's Day Conference, I can find nothing in the correspondence between the Supervisory Board and the Grand Master which would have led him to believe that McKinley Lodge committed improprieties in the creation of their new Temple. Nor can I recall any conversation where the misunderstanding might have arisen.

During the month of December and the year-end rush of business including expediting the move of the McKinley Lodge Charter, the projects of two other Lodges came to light and they were in violation of Indiana Masonic Code. This might have caused confusion concerning McKinley Lodge. I trust that this explanation and your conversation with the Grand Master will satisfy the

Brethren concerning this matter."

Wor. Master Fullgraf did a fine job in clearing McKinley Lodge of the alleged impropriety relative to moving into our new Temple.

The "Official Permission" signed by the Grand Master on the 19th Day of December 1984, did have the following condition: "That necessary and properly engineered structural changes be made so as to permit removal of the existing columns near the Alter not later than December 31, 1985, in which condition the Deputy Grand Master concurs."

Wor. Master Fullgraf wrote the Grand Master on February 2, 1985 enclosing photos of the new Temple and that we would secure bids toward complying with the structural changes requested.

The bid for the structural changes submitted to Wor. Bro. Martin Kaufman from Stern and Son, Inc. on March 18, 1985 was for $30,000.00. The work had to be put off and Wor. Master Fullgraf wrote Grand Master Faulkner on March 27, 1985, enclosed the bid along with an explanation of the immediate need for a new furnace, and the Improvement of the parking lot. The Grand Master apparently concurred with the needs as expressed by our Trustees.

No mention is made in this volume of the February 12, 1985 Stated Meeting. In fact, there was no meeting. Mother nature had intervened by dropping eighteen to twenty-four inches of snow on that day and the meeting had to be canceled.

The March 12, 1985 Stated Meeting, brought the reading of six requests for demit from McKinley Lodge. Two were for transfers to Garfield Lodge, No. 569, one for a transfer to Indiana Harbor Lodge, 686, one to Roan Creek Lodge #679, Butler, Indiana, and two were for demit without transfer. These would appear to be the only losses that might be construed to have resulted from the move from Hammond to Schererville.

The bill for $2550.00 for our new carpeting was passed at this meeting as was the requested change in the By-Laws to expand our trustees from three to six with staggered terms. The agreement between the MBA and McKinley Lodge was also read and passed. In essence, McKinley surrendered 163 shares of stock in the MBA Corporation and hereafter would be held harmless.

Abbie Hanson Chapter # 578, Order of Eastern Star, joined McKinley in the Schererville Temple via written agreement and approval by the Chapter and by McKinley at their Stated March 1985 Meetings. Abbie Chapter brought a lot of equipment that would become then property of McKinley in return for free rent for the remainder of the 1985 calendar year. After that, Abbie Chapter would pay $125.00 per month rent for ten months per year plus donations of $25.00 if they held an annual fund raising activity. Abbie

Hanson Chapter has been a blessing to McKinley Lodge and contributed time and a great deal of money toward the improvement and operation of the Schererville Temple.

Wor. Master Fullgraf re-instituted the Mentors Program and the response from both Mentors and Candidates was most positive. The committee was chaired by Wor. Bro. Robert Franks, with the other Mentors being Max Wernersbach and Tom Lowrance.

April 2, 1985, a potluck family dinner was hosted by McKinley Lodge. Those present were treated to a fine family type film.

The April 9, 1985 Stated Meeting, brought the reading of four petitions and a letter from Griffith Lodge announcing a Senior Wardens Night on April 16, 1985 and calling for all Lake County Lodges to participate. It also brought the reading of a letter from Lodi Lodge No. 256, Lodi, California advising us that Wor. Bro. David R. Schichner had affiliated with them as a Duel Member effective February 7, 1985.

In answer to an inquiry from Wor. Master Ray Bright of Garfield Lodge, Wor. Master Fullgraf sent a letter advising that a fee of $500.00 per month would be required as rent should Garfield decide to join McKinley in the Schererville Temple. He also mentioned the limited storage space available in the Temple.

May 4, 1985, the Officers and their wives met together at "Pipes and Pizza" in Lansing, Illinois for an evening of Pizza and music.

A letter from Deputy Grand Master George Tolen was read at the May 14, 1985 Stated Meeting. The letter announced that McKinley Lodge had qualified to receive the Grand Master's Award "With Distinction" and that Wor. Bro. Coy Bonner and Wor. Master Fullgraf try to attend the Presentation Ceremony May 21, 1985 in Indianapolis during the Grand Lodge Communication. Both Wor. Brothers were responsible for the award.

Wor. Master Fullgraf also served on the Grand Lecturer's Committee and personally gave the Grand Lecturer's Report before the entire Grand Lodge Assembly, bringing further distinction to McKinley Lodge.

The resignation of Brother Robert E. Henry as Junior Deacon was read at the July 9, 1985 Stated Meeting. Brother Bob was promoted to Executive Director of the Wisconsin Pharmaceutical Association and transferred out of state by his employers. Brother Ed Peek was appointed to the position and was Installed on August 27, 1985.

At the August 13, 1985 Stated Meeting, twenty-five year pins were awarded to six of the 21 eligible to receive one. The others were sent to those eligible via the U.S. Postal System.

The September 10, 1985 Stated Meeting, brought the reading of the petition of William James Runyan. Bill Runyan is the present (1993) Worshipful Master of McKinley Lodge.

A fine congratulatory letter from Senior Grand Warden Joseph Burton was read relative to the exemplary work done by McKinley Lodge during our recent Lodge of Instruction.

The annual Outdoor Degree hosted in honor of the Grand Master was held at Hidden Lake Park in Merrillville on September 21, 1985, and McKinley's Worshipful Master Fullgraf again distinguished himself with his culinary arts.

October 18, 1985 was "Junior Officers Night" hosted by Garfield Lodge where Junior Officers in Lake County Lodges conferred the MM Degree on a Garfield candidate.

October 29, 1985 the Grand Lodge Award of Gold was presented to Wor. Bro. Durbin Brown who was Master of McKinley Lodge in 1947. Past Grand Master Clarence A. Tapper, as Special Deputy to the present Grand Master performed the ceremony.

November of 1985 was a banner month in the history of McKinley Lodge. Our Annual Past Masters Dinner was held in the Temple on November 2, 1985.

The dedication of our new Temple by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Indiana was held November 9, 1985, beginning at Four O'clock P.M. with the Opening of McKinley Lodge. This was followed by the Private Opening of Grand Lodge at 4:55 P.M. The Grand Lodge Officers who participated in the Dedication Ceremony were as follows:

George R. Tolen	Most Worshipful Grand Master
Joe C. Paxton	Deputy Grand Master
Roy O. Turner, P.G.M. as	Senior Grand Warden
William T. Sharp, Sr.	Junior Grand Warden
John E. Grein	Senior grand deacon
Clarence A. Tapper, P.G.M. as	Junior Grand Deacon
Keith Purcell as	Grand Chaplain
Robert A. Rogers	Grand Lecturer
Carl W. Stotts	Grand Steward and Tyler

Other Grand Lodge Members present were:

C.C. Faulkner, Past grand Master
Raymond E. Bright, Wor. Master, Garfield Lodge 569
Peter T. Zivanovich, Wor. Master, Indiana Harbor Lodge 686

The Architect presenting the Level, Plumb and Square of an Operative Mason

to the Grand Master was William F. McNabney, Past Master of McKinley Lodge.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation by the acting Grand Chaplain, the Grand Master called upon Grand Lecturer "Bob" Rogers for the Prologue. The Grand Master then proceeded to have the Temple Proved by the working tools via the proper officers assigned the task.

The Grand Marshal was called upon to make the Proclamation of Dedication which was followed by the singing of the National Anthem ending the Dedication Ceremony.

The Grand Lodge Officers then retired from the room in the prescribed Dedication Recessional. They immediately returned to the Lodge Room where the Grand Master closed McKinley Lodge in Ample Form.

A Dedication Dinner honoring the Grand Lodge Officers was held at Tiebel's Restaurant at 6:00 P.M. and 109 were present at the dinner. Following the dinner, all Officers and their Ladies were introduced and the Grand Master was then called upon for his remarks which were quite appropriate and well received. A Benediction by the Reverend Brother Keith Purcell ended the evenings festivities.

The bill to Tiebel's Restaurant in the amount of $1,454.20 was read at the November 12, 1985 Stated Meeting, and promptly passed. A letter from the C. William Chanseler family was also read thanking McKinley Lodge for dedicating the Grandfather Clock and affixing a bronze plate in honor of our deceased Past Master "Bill" Chanseler.

A Masonic Memorial Service was held on November 26, 1985 for Brother Howard Kahle who for many years had been a stalwart worker in McKinley Lodge and whose presence in Lodge is still severely missed.

The December 10, 1985 Stated Meeting brought the resignation of Regino M. Covarrubias, Senior Steward as well as the annual election of officers and year end reports. The Treasurers Report indicated we were still in the black with assets totaling $140,974.89 and cash on hand in the amount of $1,629.61.

McKinley Lodge also received permission to hold a Feast of St. John Table Lodge on December 27, 1985. This was the first table Lodge in the Schererville Temple. The speaker for the evening was Wor. Bro. Marvin L. Ford of Garfield Lodge who gave an interesting talk on the two Saints John and Masonry. Present were 38 members of McKinley Lodge and 20 members of Garfield Lodge.

The box of Fraternal Assistance was passed resulting in $365.00 that was given to the daughter of one of McKinley's deceased members.

On behalf of the Lodge, Christmas baskets of fruit were delivered by Wor. Bro. Coy Bonner to the widows of McKinley's deceased Past Masters.

In 1985 McKinley Lodge Initiated 15, Passed 13 to the Degree of Fellowcraft and Raised the following 11 to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

Brian Wayne Cox
Warren Gordon Duncil, Jr.
Bobby Lynn Gregg
John Robert James
James Mann Patterson, Jr.
Hemry Bernard Schendera
William Robert Crider
Timothy Patrick Garvey
Charles Allen Harvey
Robert Lee Ohm
Timothy Richard Ruiz

Rickey Roscoe Rodell was restored to membership.

John Arthur Lindeman affiliated from Sol D. Bayless # 359 in Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dual Membership was afforded to:
David R. Schichner, P.M. (Lodi #256, Lodi California)
George B. Hoffman (Carmel #421, Carmel, Indiana)

The following demitted in 1985:

William Edward Bilyak
David Joseph Milne, Jr. (T)
Louis August Riechers
Robert Charles Shofroth
Lloyd Ford Wiseman (T)
Arthur Jackson Dillon (T)
Marko Radakovich (T)
James Earl Sheets (T)
Howard Earl Wilson
Darrell Webster Dorris (T)

Nine were suspended for nonpayment of dues, and dues were remitted for 13 distressed worthy Brothers and for 23 fifty-year members.

The following 28 died in 1985:

Ralph Beck *
Lawrence Robert Curtis
Godfrey Leroy Eggers (* By Knox Lodge # 639, Knox, Indiana)
James Eugene Charles Fay
John Lawrence Franklin *
Leo Gill *
Robert James Hoekema *
Howard Kahle *
Edward Albert Mahnke *
George McCaig
Charles Edwin Neiswinger *
Edward James Reese *
Carl William Chansler, P.M.*
Raymond Edward Davis
Paul Henry Foltz *
Ival Carroll Freeman *
Alfred Richard Golding
Carl Martin Johnson
Frank Lewis
Cecil Clayton Matthews
Charles Missal *
Carl E. Pettit
Vernon Thomas Shropshire *

Harry Wayne Taylor * James Kirby Thomas *
Ray Wiker Allan dale Willis
Ralph Eugene Wright

******* 1986 *******

The Installation of the 1986 McKinley Lodge Officers took place Saturday, December 21, 1985. The Installing Master was Hayward E. Glidewell, P.M., the Installing Marshal was William G. Henry, P.M., the Installing Chaplain was Clarence R. Covault, P.M., the Installing Secretary was Audrian G. Burroughs, P.M., the Master of Ceremonies was William F. McNabney, P.M., the Coordinator was Robert E. Franks, P.M., the Vocalist was Brother Charles C. Dahn, and the Ushers were Brothers C. J. Comstock and William B. Miller.

The Officers Installed for 1986 were as follows:

W.M. Barry L. McKnight	S.D. Edward B. Peek
S.W. James E. McNabney	J.D. _____
J.W. Ernest G. Cunningham	S.S. Robert J. Pastor
Treas. Donald I. Henry, P.M.	J.S. James A. Davis
Sec'y. Raymond W. Woomer	Chap Cecil F. Lindsey, P.M.
Tyler Edward A. Evans	Organ Louis Toth, P.M.

During the Installation, Brother Dahn sang, "Climb Every Mountain" and in the middle of the program at the request of the newly installed Worshipful Master Barry McKnight, Brother Dahn sang, "You Are The Wind Beneath My Wings" which Wor. Master Barry dedicated to his wife Shirley. Just before the Benediction, Brother Dahn sang, "The Lord's Prayer."

Outgoing Master Fullgraf and the incoming Master McKnight each gave appropriate remarks and gifts were presented to both. After Wor. Master Barry introduced his family and guests, the Master of Ceremonies introduced the wives of the officers and the visiting dignitaries, and announced a reception would be held in the dinning room.

At the January 14, 1986 Stated Meeting, an Invitation was received to attend a Reception for James T. Miller, Junior Grand Warden of the State of Illinois. Wor. Brother Jim was a friend of several McKinley members and was a fellow Wallace Elementary School student with this writer. He was a Past Master of Hellenic Lodge and got to know many McKinley members because of reciprocal visitations between McKinley and Hellenic Lodge No. 1084 in Chicago. Jim Miller became the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in the State of Illinois in 1991. While on Illinois Grand Lodge business in England he suffered a fatal heart attack on November 26, 1992. His body was returned and a Masonic Memorial Service was held in Chicago by Hellenic

Lodge No. 1084 A.F.& A.M., of Chicago on December 5, 1992.

This was the largest Memorial Service this writer ever attended. There were over fourteen hundred at the Memorial Service including the Grand Line Officers of the Illinois Grand Lodge, many Grand Lodge Officers from other jurisdictions and McKinley Brother Gus Rizos and this writer. Jim Miller, P.G.M. of Illinois, was an outstanding Mason and friend of McKinley Lodge.

The picture of the 1986 McKinley Officers in the February 1986 issue of the Square and Compass shows them wearing beautiful new Officers Jewels. These new jewels were a most magnanimous gift to the Lodge from Most Worshipful Brother Clarence A. Tapper and his wife Georgia. This writer adds his appreciation with all the Lodge members to the Tapper family for their beautiful gift.

A letter from Wor. Master Barry McKnight to Abbie Hanson Chapter No. 578, O.E.S., was read at the March 1, 1986 Stated Meeting, extended a big thank you to the Chapter and credited them with $10,472.60 for their Kitchen Equipment Donation. Ten months of rent credit was granted for the donation. At the same meeting, the petition of Wor. Bro. Harry Edward Personett to Affiliate with McKinley Lodge was read. Wor. Bro. Harry Personett is the present Chaplain of McKinley Lodge and has been a great asset to the Lodge.

A "Pepsi" Soft drink Machine was placed next to the dinning room in the Schererville Temple by Abbie Hanson Chapter, O.E.S. The machine will eventually be owned by McKinley Lodge. Abbie Hanson put up the $1,149.75 cost for the soft drink machine.

In the McKinley section of the March 1986, Square and Compass, a notice of the illness of Bro. "Ernie" Cunningham, our Junior Warden was reported. None of the Lodge Members knew at that time that Brother Ernie was really quite ill.

At the April 8, 1986 Stated Meeting, Senior Warden Jim McNabney presented a Budget for 1986. The Budget totaled $31,398.00, and included $2,232.00 for the Square and Compass publication, $3,750.00 for Utilities and $1,448.00 for insurance, including Liability, Property Damage and our equipment. It was at this meeting that Worshipful Master Barry McKnight announced plans to have "McKinley Family Nights" throughout the year. They proved to be quite successful.

McKinley Lodge was well represented at the Senior Wardens Night hosted by Gary Lodge on April 15, 1986.

An "Education Night" was held May 6, 1986 and Wor. Master Barry McKnight talked on the subject of "Guidelines for the Ideal Masonic Lodge."

The May 11, 1986 Stated Meeting, brought an invitation from the Tall Cedars of Lebanon Encampment to attend their annual meeting at the Shrine Temple in Michigan City. A letter of "thanks" for the $115.00 donation to the Masonic Home Foundation was also read at this meeting. A letter of invitation from Spencer Lodge No. 95, to visit them in September was also read.

The July 8, 1986 Stated Meeting, brought the reading of the petition of Wor. Bro. James Oliver Retheford, Past Master of Garfield Lodge, for dual membership.

September 6, 1986, McKinley Lodge made a visitation to Spencer Lodge No. 95, F.&. A.M., In Spencer, Indiana. McKinley Past Master Harold B. Jackson (1954) was now living in Spencer and Wor. Master Barry McKnight arranged this visitation out of personal respect and respect of all McKinley members, for Wor. Bro. Harold Jackson. Thirty-seven McKinley members made the trip and the MM Degree was conferred in full form by McKinley Lodge on our candidate Keith Lawrence Ulan.

McKinley Lodge presented Spencer Lodge a beautiful plaque showing Wor. Bro. Harold Jackson in a picture connecting Spencer Lodge with McKinley Lodge as the uniting factor of friendship between the two Lodges. It was a memorable visitation and new friends were made as well as old friendships renewed. Their Wor. Master Keith Coley and the members were gracious hosts.

Wor. Bro. Clarence Covault was the speaker for an Education Night on September 23, 1986. Wor. Bro. Clarence gave an interesting talk on the Scripture References found in the twelfth chapter of Ecclesiastes and their significance to the Masonic Allegory in the Master Mason Degree.

Arcadia Lodge No. 1138, A.F.& A.M. Lansing, Illinois paid a visit to McKinley Lodge on September 30, 1986, and conferred the MM Degree, Illinois style on their candidate, William Carl Schumacher. Their Wor. Master, Robert R. Young was able to take great pride in his Officers and Craft members for the excellence of their work. McKinley Past Master Russell Foss made the Bible presentation.

A bill for $222.30 for the September 1986 issue of the Square and Compass was approved at the October 14, 1986 Stated Meeting but questions were being raised as to our dollar value to continue the subscription for our members. A bill for $1755.00 for building insurance was read and after a full explanation of the coverage by Senior Warden Jim McNabney, the payment of the bill was approved.

A degree team from the Lake County Lodges conferred the MM Degree in the outdoor setting of Hidden Lake Park September 20, 1986. The candidate was Patrick Nicholas Remanchuk of McKinley Lodge. Glen Park Lodge No. 732

of Gary, Indiana opened Lodge. Most Worshipful Grand Master John "Joe" C. Paxton was present for the occasion along with sixty-seven who signed the register. Following the work, the Grand Master closed Lodge in Ample Form.

The annual Past Masters Dinner was held at Cataldi's restaurant on October 25, 1986 and it was a pleasure to have the wives of the deceased Past Masters present for the occasion.

The announcement of the death of the Reverend Wor. Bro. Marvin L. Isley, the Administrator of the Masonic Home was read at the September Stated Meeting followed by a moment of prayer. He had been an outstanding Mason and Administrator.

At the November 11, 1986 Stated Meeting, Wor. Master McKnight appointed Brother Robert D. Pastor to fill the position of Junior Deacon. Brother James Allen Davis was moved to Senior Steward and the Wor. Master appointed Brother Lloyd Ikeler Oman as Junior Steward. The new appointees were then duly Installed by Wor. Bro. Hayward Glidewell acting as Installing Master, Wor. Bro. Robert Franks as Installing Marshal, Wor. Bro. "Abe" Burroughs as Sec'y., and Wor. Bro. Cecil F. Lindsey as Chaplain.

November 24, 1986, McKinley traveled to Lansing, Illinois to visit Arcadia Lodge # 1138, and confer the MM Degree on McKinley Candidate Adolph Egyed. Bro. Egyed and his friend and co-worker Bro. Archie Kennedy, had been excellent teachers at Hammond Technical Vocational High School (later the Hammond Career Center) for many years and were well known and respected by this writer. Together, they petitioned McKinley Lodge and were Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in October and November 1986 respectively.

The petition of Kenneth Bernard Pazdur was read at the December 9, 1986 Stated Meeting. At this time (1993) "Kenny" is the Senior Warden of McKinley Lodge. On December 12, 1986, Junior Warden "Ernie" Cunningham sponsored a dinner to honor the Craft for their fine work during the 1986 year.

Recognition and appreciation were extended at the December, 1986 Stated Meeting, to Bro. Bob Pastor for his donation of a great deal of time and of the fixtures for the top floor bathrooms. He not only personally purchased the fixtures but did the remodeling of the bathrooms.

In 1986, McKinley Lodge Initiated 12, Passed 12 to the Degree of Fellowcraft and Raised the following 15 to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

Donald Leon Babcock
Robert William De Pyssler
Adolph Egyed
Archie Kennedy
Robert Allen Daniels
Aleksandar Desancic
Martin Andrew Karmenzino
Delbert Evan Minck

Stephen Damian Muscarella
Patrick Nicholas Romanchuk
Keith Lawrence Ulan
David Lee Wright
Eugene Lee Ours
William James Runyan
James William Welch

Two, Glen Marvin Adams and Malcolm Lewis Wade were restored.

Harry Edward Personett, P.M., and Joseph William Harris affiliated with McKinley Lodge in 1986 and James Oliver Retheford, P.M., affiliated via Duel Membership with Garfield Lodge in 1986.

Dues were remitted for 22 Fifty-year Members and for 10 distressed worthy Brothers.

Thirteen were suspended for nonpayment of dues.

The following members demitted in 1986:

John William Allen, Jr. (T)
Larry Dale Grieshaber (T)
Robert Lee Ohm (T)
Robert William Foster (T)
Thomas Chester Houts (T)
Lloyd Hugh Sluyter (T)

The following 33 Members died in 1986:

Terry Alexander
Vernon Clifton Brackett*
Louis Herman Carmen
Kenneth Walter Coffing
Hermon Alton Cothran (* By Excelsior Lodge # 41, LaPorte, IN.)
Matthew Fairlie
Paul Mc Clelland Ford*
William Bartlett Hoover
John Mc Williams, Jr.*
Francis J. Mueller (* By Texas City # 1118, Texas City, Texas)
Carl Jay Nelson
Lester Ellwynn Obrien
Edward Lavein Phair*
Robert Junior Rarick*
Charles Woodward Tharp
Jack George Whitlock*
Saylor Mc Gee Wilson*
Nachenzio Zaffore*
Wilbur Francis Bothwell*
George Hubbard Burniston*
Raymond Ray Carson*
George L. Dallis
Birch Felix, Jr.*
Robert Gordon Hasek
Warren Joseph Krill
Clifford Raymond Misner*
John William Nichols
Lloyd Andrew Peterson*
William Peter Przondo
Joseph Szendrey
Walter Thornton
Jack Francis Wilson*
Kenneth Arnold Wood

***** 1987 *****

The Installation of Officers for 1987 took place in the Schererville Temple Saturday, December 20, 1986. The Installing Officers were:

Installing Master	Clarence A. Tapper, P.M., P.G.M.
Installing Marshal	Emmett W. Somers. P.M.
Installing Chaplain	Clarence R. Covault, P.M.
Installing Secretary	Hayward E. Glidewell, PM.
Master of Ceremonies	William F. McNabney, P.M.
Coordinator	Robert E. Franks, P.M.
Vocalist	Brother Charles C. Dahn

Ushers Audrian G. Burroughs, P.M. & James O. Retheford,P.M.

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Sec'y. Raymond W. Woomer	Chap. Cecil F. Linsey, P.M.
Tyler Edward A. Evans	Organ Louis Toth, P.M.

Following the Invocation by Installing Chaplain Clarence R. Covault, and a vocal selection, "Bless This House" by Bro. Dahn the Ceremony of Installation was carried out and the Proclamation given by the Installing Marshal. Speeches were made by both the incoming and outgoing Masters and gifts were presented to the outgoing Master including a lollipop from Wor. Bro. Bill Fullgraf to welcome McKinley's "Baby Past Master".

A gavel was presented by this writer, as Master of Ceremonies, on behalf of the McNabney family, to his Fraternal and Blood Brother, the new Worshipful Master, James E. McNabney. Introductions were made and an announcement of a reception given before the closing of the Ceremony with another vocal selection and the benediction.

At the January 13, 1986 Stated Meeting, Senior Warden Ernest Cunningham made a report to the Lodge on the Founders Day Program in Indianapolis attended by many of the Officers. The report of the untimely death of Wor. Bro. Harry Shumaker while he was shoveling snow was given. The death of Wor. Bro. Harry was a great loss to McKinley Lodge, to the York Rite and to all Masonry. Wor. Bro. Harry had been a tireless worker in the Lodge and had given many hours of work in the renovation of the Schererville Temple. Wor. Bro. Otto Burkybile, Editor of the Square and Compass paid a special tribute to Wor. Bro. Shumaker in the February 1987 issue of the Square and Compass.

The February 10, 1987 Stated Meeting, brought the reading of the results of a Craft Club Election of Officers. To the best of this writers knowledge, this was another first for McKinley Lodge. The Elected Officers were, Tim Garvey, President, Martin Karmenzind, Vice President, Henry Schendera, Treasurer and Keith Ulan, Secretary.

February 27, 1987, the Grand Lodge Fifty-year Award of Gold was presented to Bro. Victor Kirsch, by Most Worshipful Brother Clarence A. Tapper acting as Special Deputy of the Grand Master.

The March 1987 issue of the Square and Compass contained a picture of five of McKinley's Fifty-year Members. They were Wor. Bro. Durbin Brown, 51 years, Bro. C. Joseph Rhinesperger, 61 years, Wor. Bro. Oscar Weil, 66 years, Bro. Frederick Miller, 66 years, and his brother, and Bro. Ferdinand Miller, 66 years. This is an outstanding legacy for McKinley Lodge.

The announcement of the death of Wor. Bro. Harold B. Jackson on March 10, 1987 at Spencer, Indiana was read at the March 10, 1987 Stated Meeting. The Lodge sent flowers and a $50.00 donation to the Masonic Home Foundation in memory of one of this fine Past Master. A Masonic Memorial Service was held by Spencer Lodge with Deputy Grand Master William T. Sharp presiding. Wor. Bro. Barry L. McKnight and his Lady Shirley were present representing McKinley Lodge.

A Grand Lodge Award of Gold was presented to, Bro. Joe Bernard Gill at the March 10 meeting. Wor. Bro. Cecil Lindsey made the presentation on behalf of the Grand Master of Masons in Indiana.

Wor. Bro. Hayward Glidewell and his committee delivered Easter Baskets from the Lodge to the widows of our Past Masters and thank you letters were received and read at the April, 14, 1987 Stated Meeting. The announcement of the passing of our beloved Past Master and Treasurer, J. Lloyd Crooks was also read at this meeting. A Masonic Memorial Service on April 4, 1987 was held for Wor. Bro. J. Lloyd Crooks. This writer will always remember and revere this fine 33rd Degree friend and Brother, as will all in the Lodge who knew him.

Wor. Master Jim McNabney announced the appointment of Wor. Bro. Harry Personett as Assistant Chaplain at the April 1987 Stated Meeting.

THE WILLIS R. FORD CHAPTER OF DEMOLAY

The Lodge voted at the April 14, 1987 Stated Meeting, to take over the rebuilding and sponsorship of the Willis R. Ford Chapter, Order of DeMolay, subject to the approval of the Indiana Grand Lodge and the Supreme Advisory

Council, Order of DeMolay headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri. Approval was received. The credit for the reestablishment of the Willis R. Ford Chapter should go to McKinley Master James E. McNabney who has spent untold hours promoting and advising and rebuilding the Chapter.

The Indiana DeMolay Foundation, the first state to establish a DeMolay Foundation in the nation, was begun on January 17, 1957 by Ill. Bro. Albert N. Hepler, Jr. The DeMolay had been brought to Indiana with its first Chapter in Indianapolis constituted on October 18, 1921, sponsored by the Scottish Rite. This was only two years after DeMolay began in this county. It was established in Kansas City, Missouri by Brother Frank S. Land.

By the time Ill. Bro. Albert N. Hepler from South Bend, Indiana became deeply involved, the Indiana Grand Lodge in 1948, had thrown open the doors of Indiana Masonic Temples to the Order of DeMolay and there were well over 116 Chapters in the state. Ill. Bro. Albert Hepler was very instrumental in bringing cohesiveness to the Indiana Chapters as the founder and first President of the Indiana DeMolay Foundation. He was also the author of the 14th Degree of the Scottish Rite and his son, Ill. Brother Robert J. Hepler, 33rd Degree, has carried on in his fathers footsteps in the Fourteenth Degree in the Scottish Rite Valley of South Bend, and is the coauthor with this writer of a proposed new Fourth Degree for the Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

McKinley Lodge is playing a fine roll for the future of Masonry and for this country by sponsoring the Willis R. Ford Chapter of DeMolay. The Chapter, as originally founded in Hammond was sponsored by Hammond Commandery No. 41, Knights Templars of York Rite Masonry.

The original Willis R. Ford Charter reads "on the Sixth Day of March 1923, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Indiana, in conjunction with the York Rite Grand Chapter, R.A.M., the Grand Illustrious Council of Cryptic Masonry, and the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana, authorized their Lodges and Affiliates to Sponsor DeMolay Chapters." The Willis R. Ford Chapter, International Order of DeMolay was Constituted on the Fourth Day of March 1924, when the Brother Dora E. Akers of the Hammond Commandery No. 41, was named Chairman of the Advisory Council.

The other members of the Advisory Council from Hammond Commandery named in the original Charter are:

William C. Robbins	Thomas H. Givens
William M. O'Brian	A. Roy Lee
Charles E. Pampiell	Herbert A. Pampiell
George O. Mallett	

The Charter was finally signed on April 21, 1924 at St. Louis, Missouri, by Alexander G. Cochran, Grand Master Counselor, International Order of DeMolay.

The principal advisor to these youths for many years was Past Eminent Commander Fred Hopper (1955), a teacher at Hammond Technical Vocational High School. It was named for Wor. Bro. Willis R. Ford, Worshipful Master of Garfield Lodge No. 569, in 1918. Following the death of Bro. Hopper, the Chapter disintegrated until Wor. Master James E. McNabney revived it in 1987.

Wor. Bro. Jim McNabney is the present Chairman of the Advisory Council and is assisted by McKinley Lodge Brothers Alvin Wahl, Scott Mitchell, and Ralph Mitchell. Other members recently trained as Advisory Council Members are Brothers Thomas Hanna, Home Lodge - Tyrian Lodge No. 644, Kensington, Pa., McKinley Wor. Master William J. Runyan and Senior Warden Kenneth B. Pazdur. There are others who have yet to complete their required training. It was hoped that the Willis R. Ford Chapter will continue to grow and prosper under the sponsorship of McKinley Lodge. Unfortunately as of August 1993, with the resignation of Wor. Bro. Jim McNabney as Advisor, no one has as yet come forward to take up the gauntlet and carry on this good work. The future of the Willis R. Ford Chapter of DeMolay appears to be in doubt as of this writing.

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April 20, 1987, the Grand Lodge Award of Gold was presented to Bro. Thomas E. Nelson at his home. Tom had been Tyler of McKinley Lodge from 1957 until 1981. He was appointed Tyler Emeritus by this writer in 1979. The Grand Lodge Fifty-year Award was presented by Wor. Bro. Donald I. Henry assisted by Wor. Master James E. McNabney and visitors Raymond W. Woomer and Wor. Bro. Robert Franks.

A Masonic Memorial Service was held on April 27, 1987 for Wor. Bro. Durbin Brown who had been Master of the Lodge in 1947. This was another great loss to the Lodge. At the May 12, 1987 Stated Meeting, a check was received for the Building Fund from Marcella Brown, a member of Abbie Chapter, O.E.S., in the name of Wor. Bro. Durbin Brown. It was also at this meeting that a Fund Raising Program designed by the Wor. Master and the Trustees to blacktop the parking lot was presented by Wor. Master Jim McNabney.

Members of the Lodge were invited by the Grand Lodge to attend the placement and dedication ceremony on May 19, 1987 of the nine-foot high statue of Wor. Bro. George Washington in full Masonic dress, on the south lawn of the Indiana State Capitol Building in Indianapolis. It depicts Washington as dedicated of the Capitol Building of the United States and is a credit to Masonry and to the State of Indiana.

June 7, 1987, McKinley Lodge made a pilgrimage to Schofield House, the birthplace of the Indiana Grand Lodge in Madison, Indiana. There were but two car loads making the visitation but they had a great time according to Wor. Master Jim McNabney.

Twenty-five year pins were presented to three members present at the June 9, 1987 Stated Meeting. Eight pins were mailed. The Grand Lodge Award of Gold was presented at this meeting to Bro. Robert Clayton Matthews by Wor. Master Jim McNabney acting as Special Deputy of the Grand Master.

June 22, 1987, McKinley Lodge paid a visit to Arcadia Lodge No. 1138, in Lansing, Illinois and conferred the MM Degree on our candidate Dan Walter Runyan. The next evening was an Education Night at Lodge and this writer reviewed a research paper he had written on Prince Hall Masonry. It was a surprise while researching for this volume to see the entire seven page paper attached to the minutes of the meeting.

St. John the Baptist Day, June 28, 1987 saw McKinley Lodge members worshiping together at the Griffith Methodist Church at the invitation of Reverend Glen Hulbert.

The resignation of Junior Warden Edward Peek was read and accepted at the July 14, 1987 Stated Meeting. Ed was having to work too many hours each day on his job to continue in his station in Lodge. Bro. Charles Jones was appointed acting Junior Warden by the Master and immediately installed by Wor. Bro. James O. Retheford as Installing Master, and Wor. Bro. "Abe" Burroughs as Marshal.

It was at the July 1987 Stated Meeting, that Bro. Hascall A. Sullivan, a member of the Budget and Finance Committee, made a motion for the committee to increase the McKinley dues to $33.00 per year effective January 1, 1988. The motion was accepted but held over for a vote until the August 1987 Stated Meeting.

August 1987 was a sad month for McKinley Lodge. The resignation of Senior Warden Ernest G. Cunningham because of serious heart problems was read and was followed by the reading of the resignation of Bro. Raymond W. Woomer as Secretary. Ray had been secretary for the last sixteen years and needed some rest. Also, the resignation of Robert Pastor, Senior Deacon because of his work schedule was read. Wor. Master Jim McNabney, in order to help the Lodge and elevate Bro. Charles Jones, requested Bro. Charles Jones to resign his position as Junior Warden so that he could be nominated and voted on for the Office of Senior Warden. Brother Jones resigned as Junior Warden, and the Master called for a Special Election. A Special Election was approved by the Lodge and immediately held.

As a result of the Special Election, Bro. Charles G. Jones was elected to the Office of Senior Warden. In 1975 Bro. Charles Jones had held the office of Junior Warden and almost completed his year as Junior Warden when he was transferred to Texas and had to resign. Another result of this Special Election of July 14, 1987, was the Election of Bro. Raymond W. Woomer as Junior Warden and Wor. Bro Barry L. McKnight as Secretary of the McKinley Lodge.

Worshipful Master Jim McNabney then appointed James A. Davis as Senior Deacon, Lloyd I. Oman as Junior Deacon, Edwin L. Wilking as Senior Steward, and Keith L. Ulan as Junior Steward. All were immediately installed by Wor. Bro. James O. Retheford, acting as Installing Master, with Wor. Bro. "Abe" Burroughs, as Installing Marshal, and Wor. Bro. Cecil Lindsey, acting as Installing Chaplain.

The meeting began with Brother Raymond Woomer who had resigned as Secretary, assuming the Secretary station again but for this meeting only. By the end of the meeting, Bro. Ray was the Junior Warden of McKinley Lodge, Bro. Charles G. Jones was Senior Warden and the Lodge found itself with virtually a new set of Junior Officers.

A Craft Picnic was hosted by Wor. Bro. Retheford on August 29, 1987 bringing an end to the summer.

A motion by Wor. Bro. Fullgraf at the September 8, 1987 Stated Meeting, said that since we had raised $10,000.00 for paving the parking lot, he moved the additional funds necessary be taken from the General Fund but that solicitations continue and special fund raisers be held to replace those taken from the General Fund until the parking lot debt to the General Fund was paid in full.

Bro. Scott Mitchell, of McKinley Lodge, was the principal speaker on the local WJOB "Irv Lewin Radio Program". He told of McKinley's sponsorship of the Willis R. Ford Chapter, Order of DeMolay, about the purpose of DeMolay and its benefits to the youth of the community.

October 6, 1987, Bros. Ray Simanson and Kenneth Pazdur presented an Education Program showing a video tape on the Order of DeMolay.

The big event of the month was on October 20, 1987. This was the night that Bro. Michael Kambiss received his Grand Lodge Fifty-year Award of Gold. The National Orthodox Square Club had written the Grand Master of Indiana for permission to have Wor. Bro. John J. Lampos, Past Master of Hellenic Lodge No. 1084 in Chicago present the award. Wor. Bro. Lampos had Raised Bro. Kambiss fifty years before in Hellenic Lodge, a Greek Lodge, in Chicago. Permission was granted and it was a heart warming presentation with Wor. Master James E. McNabney assisting. This writer has previously spoken of his high regard for Bro. Kambiss. He was a highly respected Chief of Police

in Hammond and just as highly respected as a husband, father and Brother Mason.

October 24, 1987 was set aside for the annual Past Masters Dinner. It was held in the dinning room of the Temple. Wor. Bro. Cecil Lindsey entertained everyone with several poems befitting the occasion.

Robert Jeffrey Covault, the grandson of Wor. Bro. Clarence Covault was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on October 24, 1987. Wor. Bro. Clarence obligated his grandson and gave the lecture of the degree.

Family Night was held on December 1, 1987 and the film, "The Man Who Would Be King" was shown and discussed within the limits of its Masonic inferences.

The thanks of the Lodge was given to Bro. Tony Kondrat at the December 8, 1987 Stated Meeting. Tony had designed and constructed of stainless steel, the Square and Compass and the O.E.S. signs placed on the front of our Temple and donated them to the McKinley Lodge and to Abbie Hanson Chapter, O.E.S.

In 1987, McKinley Lodge Initiated 7, Passed 10 to the Degree of Fellowcraft, and Raised the following 11 to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

Bruce Avery Ciers
Kenneth Berry Daniels
Kenneth Anthony Hicks
Kenneth Bernard Pazdur
Dan Walter Runyan
George Saltas
Robert Jeffrey Covault
Michael Eric Dawes
Larry Albert Musch
Ronald George Piercy
David Sacks

Larry Dean Atkinson and Francis Paul Jaquay affiliated in 1987.

Twenty-eight Fifty-year members and six distressed worthy Brothers had dues remitted.

The following demitted in 1987:

David Merle Black (T)
Eugene Mosley (T)
Joseph Michael Tevis (T)
Wilford Cameron Hartlerode(T)
Percy Leonard Severson (T)

Eight were suspended for nonpayment of dues and one was expelled.

The following 37 members died in 1987:

Durbin George Brown, P.M.*
Frank William Call *

Wibur Joseph Cline — Carl Herbert Collins, Jr.
Raymond Cook * — Kenneth Paul Coover
John Lloyd Crooks, P.M., 33rd Degree *
Ernest Gilbert Cunningham, P.E.G.C., Indiana York Rite *
Roy Franklin Duff — Carl Gustoff Erickson
Lawrence Fatheree (* By Orel # 759, Wayne City, Illinois)
Joseph Raymond Franklin — Harry Bernard Frazier *
Raymond Arthur Hawkins — Dr. Hughe Cyrus Hayden*
Harold B. Jackson, P.M.(* By Spencer Lodge No.95 Spencer,IN) Lawrence Gilbert Jackson — Herman Ashley Jones *
Harold Everett Kinney — John Nicholas Kirsch *
Vincent Raymond Knotts — Stanley Charles Konefsky *
Richard Vernon Ludders * — Heino Albert Luhr
John Robert Lyday * — Malcolm Maxwell
Vernon Martin Miles — Homer Mudd *
Charles Shelby Poland * — George Leroy Pridemore
Carl Dee Pritchett * — John Rappelli
Raymond Sanders * — Elmer Wayne Smith
Harry Alan Shumaker, P.M. (KYCH)*
George Roscoe Smedley — Clifford Isaac Vance

The Annual Report to the Grand Lodge for 1987 listed a McKinley Lodge Total Membership of 851.

***** 1988 *****

The Installation of the 1988 Officers of McKinley Lodge was held Saturday, December 19, 1987. They were Installed by:

Installing Master	James O. Retheford, P.M.
Installing Marshal	Adrian G. Burroughs, P.M.
Installing Secretary	Hayward E. Glidewell, P.M.
Installing Chaplain	Harry E. Personett, P.M.
Coordinator	William G. Henry, P.M.
Master of Ceremonies	Clarence A. Tapper, P.M., P.G.M.

The Officers Installed for 1988 were as follows:

W.M. Charles G. Jones	S.D. Lloyd I. Oman
S.W. Raymond W. Woomer	J.D. Edwin L. Wilking
J.W. James A. Davis	S.S. Keith L. Ulan
Treas. Donald I. Henry, P.M.	J.S. William J. Runyan
Sec'y. Barry L. McKnight, P.M.	Chap. Cecil F. Lindsey, P.M.
Tyler Edward A. Evans	Organ Louis Toth, P.M.

Following the formal part of the installation, gifts were presented to the outgoing Master by the newly Installed Master. Gifts to the incoming Master on behalf of his wife and family were presented by Wor. Bro. "Bill" Henry. The outgoing Master then presented the Lodge with a plaque containing the names of all who made a contribution to the paving of the parking lot.

It was at the January 12, 1988 Stated Meeting, the petition of Wilbur Don Bramlet, our present Tyler was read. Offsetting that pleasant circumstance however, was the announcement of the death of Dr. Hugh Cyrus Hayden and of George Paul Clawson, the father of our 1993 Junior Deacon, Tom Clawson and Bro. "Bill" Clawson. Ancient Landmarks and Charges were read and explained in terms of the times in which they were written by this writer.

February 16, 1988, McKinley held a "Scottish Rite Night." The 20th degree of the Scottish Rite was presented by members of the Scottish Rite, Valley of South Bend for only those who were 32nd Degree Masons.

It was a sad evening when McKinley Members attended a Masonic Memorial Service on February 28, 1988, for their beloved Brother Thomas Eugene Nelson, Sr., who had faithfully Tiled McKinley Lodge for so many years.

This writer was again called upon for an educational presentation for the March 29, 1988 meeting. After a great deal of searching for a topic, he finally decided to talk on the subject "What Does Masonic Philosophy Mean To You." Once again this writer "lucked out" for the topic generated a lot more interest than the speaker anticipated.

The April 12, 1988 Stated Meeting, brought a letter from Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Tolen explaining the Grand Lodge Scholarship Program and enclosing application forms for the children and grandchildren of Masonic Lodge Members.

Also at this meeting the resignation of Brother James A. Davis, our Junior Warden was read and accepted. There were circumstances in his place of employment that were beyond the control of Brother Jim Davis which caused him to resign for the good of the Order. Wor. Master Charles Jones appointed Wor. Bro. Audrian G. Burroughs, P.M., as "Acting Junior Warden" to fill the unexpired term of Bro. Davis.

The Grand Lodge Award of Gold was presented during the April Stated Meeting, to Brother Nick Dentrano by Wor. Bro. Clarence Covault as Special Deputy of the Grand Master.

A Special Election was held at the May 10, 1988 Stated Meeting, and Wor. Bro. "Abe" was elected to the Officer of Junior Warden. Wor. Bro. "Abe" was then duly Installed by the appointed Installing Master James O. Retherford, P.M., with Wor. Master Charles Jones acting as Installing Marshal.

An Education Meeting was held on June 7, 1988, with Bro. Thomas F. Lowrance relating an interesting report on his recent visit to England.

At the 1988 Grand Lodge Communication, Wor. Bro. Barry L. McKnight, P.M., our Secretary, was appointed to the Grand Lodge Office of Grand Steward and Tyler. This was an honor for Wor. Bro. Barry and for McKinley Lodge. This writer expressed to the Lodge the rarity, the value and the honor of such an appointment to McKinley Lodge and the sacrifices Wor. Bro. Barry McKnight would be making in a great deal of time, travel and money to carry out the duties of this high Office. Wor. Bro. Barry brought credit to himself, to McKinley Lodge and to the Masonic Fraternity throughout the year as he traveled all over Indiana and met with the Officers and Members of many Lodges at their important functions.

June 26, 1988, McKinley celebrated St. John the Baptist day by worshiping together at the Woodmar Methodist Church in Hammond. The invitation had been extended by the Reverend Mr. Robert D. Bickel.

June 28, 1988, David Frederick McCoy was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. His father, McKinley Member "Bill" McCoy took part in the Degree and later wrote the Lodge a letter of appreciation for their fine work in conferring the MM Degree on his son.

At the July 12, 1989 Stated Meeting, Wor. Bro. Clarence Covault asked the Lodge to begin to look for an alternative to the Square and Compass Magazine to inform our members of the happenings in the Lodge. The present expenditure did not seem to be warranted.

Thanks were extended to Wor. Bro. Fullgraf, Senior Warden Raymond W. Woomer and Wor. Master Charles Jones for erecting a spot light on the front of the Temple to highlight the Square and Compass and O.E.S. Signs.

A motion was made by Bro. Woomer, seconded by Wor. Bro. Glidewell and passed to the effect that McKinley Lodge pay no more in 1989 for the Square and Compass Magazine than it was paying in 1988, or check into the possibility of publishing our own Newsletter. The Lodge had received notice from the Editor of the Magazine that the cost would increase to twenty-seven cents per member per copy, effective January 1989. The result of this motion was that McKinley Lodge would begin publishing its own Newsletter in 1989.

A bill from Jay Govert for the new furnace and air conditioner was $2977.60 and the Lodge voted to pay it at the August 13, 1989, Stated Meeting.

During these last several years this writer had been the Grand Lodge Representative of British Columbia near the Grand Lodge of Indiana. He and his wife Rose had corresponded for some years with Wor. Bro. J. Arthur Fuller, P.M., Saint Andrews Lodge No. 49, A.F. & A.M., Victoria, British

Columbia. Wor. Bro. Fuller and wife Margaret along with Wor. Bro. Norman Fox, P.M. of Aurora Lodge No.165, Victoria, British Columbia paid a visit to this writer in October of 1988.

The honored guests were escorted to McKinley Lodge on October 4, 1988 and observed the Fellowcraft Degree. At the end of the evening, Wor. Bro. Fuller brought greetings from British Columbia Masonry and briefly talked about Masonry in Canada. The guests also were escorted to a meeting of Abbie Hanson Chapter O.E.S., and on the following Sunday this host and his wife escorted them on a tour into the Chicago Loop and surrounding areas. A close correspondence with these friends from British Columbia still continues and Wor. Bro. Fuller and wife paid another visit to the McNabney's in August of 1993 while they were on their way to Toronto Canada where Wor. Bro. Fuller was to receive the Thirty-third Degree of Scottish Rite Masonry.

The October 1988 minutes contain a "thank you" from Secretary and Past Master, Barry E. McKnight to Wor. Bro. William E. Fullgraf who had been such a help to the Lodge and to Wor. Bro. Barry personally when he had been Master of McKinley Lodge.

The annual Past Masters dinner was held at Jonathans Restaurant in Highland October 15, 1988, and though the cost to those who were not guests was $9.50 per person, a good crowd was on hand to honor McKinley's Past Masters and their widows.

Spencer Lodge No. 95 of Spencer, Indiana visited McKinley Lodge Saturday, November 5, 1988. Lodge was opened at two o'clock, and Most Worshipful Grand Master William T. Sharp, Sr., was present for the conferring of the MM Degree on McKinley candidate Ernie Dale Besson.

The December 13, 1988 Stated Meeting brought the usual flurry of year-end reports and activities. Also, the resignation of Wor. Bro. Barry McKnight as a Trustee was read and accepted with regret. McKinley showed a balance on hand of $16,185.38 so we were still surviving after two years in Schererville. Christmas baskets were sent to the widows of Past Masters for which thank you cards were later received and read.

In 1988, McKinley Lodge Initiated Eight, Passed Six to the Degree of Fellowcraft, and Raised the following Five to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

Ernie Dale Bessom
Ricardo Bernal Feuntes
Alvin William Wahl
Wilbur Don Bramlet
David Fredrick McCoy

Ronald Lee Sturgeon was restored to membership in 1988.

Dues were remitted for twenty-four Fifty-year Members and for seven distressed worthy brothers.

Two, Joseph Anthony DeNardo and Charles Edward Neil Demitted.

Twenty-one were suspended for nonpayment of dues in 1988.

The following twenty-seven Members died in 1988:

Merdith Andresen	Arthur DeLoss Beckwith
John Beckwith	Alton Alexander Brooks
George Paul Clawson *	Lester Conaway *
Anthony Paul Coulis *	Edward Thomas Daniels
Virgil Myron Daugherty	Lee Paskel DeFord
Daryl Childs Dunsing *	Oswald Loren Felix
Peter Gallanis	Robert Fay Gardner *
Samuel Stewart Hill *	Van Earl Iliff *
Andrew Kmetz *	Jack Presley LaForce
William Reinhart Lenz	Robert Clayton Matthews *
Leigh Roy McCrea	Thomas Eugene Nelson, Sr.*
Lawrence Gordon Pennington	Lawrence Elmer Randall
Harry William Sommers, Jr.	William Harry Vance *
Herbert Richard Morrow Stevens	

***** 1989 *****

The Annual Installation of Officers for McKinley Lodge for the ensuing year was held Saturday, December 15, 1988. The Installing Officers were as follows:

Installing Master	William E. Fullgraf, P.M.
Installing Marshal	Emmett W. Somers, P.M.
Installing Chaplain	Harry Personett, P.M.
Installing Secretary	Hayward E. Glidewell, P.M.
Master of Ceremonies	Clarence A. Tapper, P.M. & P.G.M.
Coordinator	William G. Henry, P.M.
Installing Organist	James E. McNabney, P.M.

The McKinley Officers Installed for 1989 were:

W.M. Raymond W. Woomer	S.D. Edwin L. Wilking
S.W. Audrian G. Burroughs, P.M.	J.D. Keith L. Ulan
J.W. Lloyd I. Oman	S.S. William J. Runyan

Treas. Donald I. Henry, P.M.
Sec'y. Barry L. McKnight, P.M.
Tyler Edward A. Evans
J.S. Kenneth B. Pazdur
Chap. Cecil F. Lindsey, P.M.
Organ Louis Toth, P.M.

(NOTE) Wor. Bro. Harry Personett remained as Assistant Chaplain.

Following the formal Installation Ceremony, gifts were presented to the outgoing Master, i.e., Past Masters Apron, Jewel and Apron Case. To the incoming Master, a hand crafted gavel and a plaque made by Wor. Bro. Hayward Glidewell was presented by Wor. Brother Hayward.

Gift from the new Wor. Masters Grandchildren, from Brother Thomas Hanna were presented. Bro. Hanna is a close friend of the new Master and a member of Tyrian Lodge No. 644, F. & A.M., of Kensington, Pennsylvania. His gift to Wor. Bro. Ray Woomer was a personalized license plate inscribed with Wor. Master.

Wor. Bro. Charles Jones then called Brother Thomas F. Lowrance to the East where he presented Bro. Tom with the "Trowel Award" for outstanding service to McKinley Lodge during the past year.

The Master of Ceremonies then introduced the officers of appendant bodies and the officers wives, and announced a reception would be held upstairs with an "Open House" to follow on Saturday.

January 31, 1989, the Grand Lodge Award of Gold was presented to Bro. Lowell C. Cornwell by Wor. Bro. Barry L. McKnight acting as Special Deputy to the Grand Master. This was also the night the Lodge helped Brother Ferdinand Miller celebrate his 90th birthday.

The February 14, 1989 Stated Meeting, brought the reading of a letter from Wor. Bro. Otto Burkybile, Editor of the Square and Compass Magazine, stating he would cease publication of the Magazine following the June 1989 edition.

The announcement of the death Brother Jack Dillon was made at the March 14, 1989 Stated Meeting. Jack Dillon had been McKinley's custodian at the Temple on Muenich Court for many years. He was the father of Peggy Dillon Schichner, and father-in-law of Wor. Bro. Dave Schichner.

April 4, 1989, Arcadia Lodge No. 1138, Lansing, Illinois paid a visit to McKinley and their Wor. Master William Unwin led a team in conferring the Fellowcraft Degree, Illinois style on their candidate Joseph E. Goldie.

The many talents of Brother Anthony "Tony" Kondrat were exhibited in April as he filled in as Organist for Wor. Bro. Louis Toth who was vacationing. This writer gave a talk to the Lodge on April 25, 1989 entitled "Liberty As It Applies To Masonry." At the May Stated Meeting, Wor. Master Raymond

Woomer appointed a committee consisting of Wor. Bro. "Abe" Burroughs and Wor. Bro. Barry McKnight, to assist him in a complete revision of the By-Laws. This was the first revision since 1975 and took a lot of work but they did a fine job.

At the June 13, 1989 Stated Meeting, a motion was made by Wor. Bro. James E. McNabney to establish the Kirby Thomas Memorial Fund, and add whatever additional funds were needed up to a total of $500.00. The fund would be used to purchase and erect a twenty-five foot Flag Pole in front of the Temple with a Memorial Plaque at the base. The motion carried and the flag pole was erected with Wor. Master Raymond Woomer supervising the pouring of the concrete base.

Brother Keith Ulan designed a new Logo, i.e., Letterhead for McKinley Lodge and Wor. Bro. Barry McKnight extended a big thank you on behalf of the Lodge.

June 20, 1989, twenty-five year pins were presented to five of the 17 eligible by presenter Bro. Joseph Rhinesperger assisted by Wor. Master Raymond W. Woomer. Brother Joseph G. Phares, at the July Stated Meeting, donated and presented an outdoor American Flag to the Lodge that is still being used.

At the invitation of the Reverend Mr. Crowell Cosley of the Covenant Presbyterian Church in Hammond, McKinley Lodge attended their services on June 25, 1989 in celebration of St. John the Baptist Day.

The Grand Lodge Award of Gold was mailed to Bro. Harry Newton Young by M.W. Bro. Roy O. Turner, Grand Secretary.

Saturday, September 14, 1989, McKinley Lodge paid a visit to Spencer Lodge No. 95, in Spencer, Indiana and following a fine dinner and the degree work, McKinley Master, Raymond W. Woomer presented a fine portrait of Wor. Bro. Harold B. Jackson to Spencer Lodge. Wor. Bro. Harold had left Hammond and was living in Spencer, Indiana holding dual membership with the two Lodges. He was an inspiration to both Lodges.

Bro. C. William "Bill" McCoy presented McKinley with a copy of the October 8, 1956, issue of Life Magazine which featured Masonry in the United States and is a collectors issue today.

A thank you letter from Gary Lodge was read at the October Stated Meeting, for McKinley's participation in their "Outdoor Degree" held October 10, 1989. This writer made the motion at the October Stated Meeting for the Lodge to purchase an IBM PS-2 Computer for the Lodge Secretary. A notice from Grand Lodge stated they wanted future annual reports computerized if possible. The motion carried and our Secretary uses the computer extensively.

Notice was also read at the October 1989 Stated Meeting, of the Nomination of Wor. Bro. Hayward Glidewell to the 33rd Degree of the Scottish Rite, and of Wor. Bro. Don Henry receiving the honor of being elected as a Knight of the York Cross of Honor in York Rite Masonry. These deserving Brothers continue to bring honor to McKinley Lodge, to themselves and to the Fraternity.

The annual Past Masters Dinner was held October 7, 1989, and there was a good turnout for the dinner. The wives of the deceased Past Masters were guests of the Lodge and sent thank you notes for being remembered.

A notice of transfer of ownership of the "Pepsi" Machine from Abbie Hanson Chapter No. 578, O.E.S., to McKinley Lodge was read at the November 14, 1989, Stated Meeting.

At the December 12, 1989 Stated Meeting, Worshipful Master Ray Woomer conferred the title of Chaplain Emeritus on Wor. Bro. Cecil F. Lindsey who had been McKinley's Chaplain since 1972, and carried out the duties of his office with great distinction. Wor. Bro. Cecil was presented with a special apron with the inscription of Tyler Emeritus written thereon.

Also at the December 1989 meeting, Bro. Thomas Hanna was presented a plaque in recognition of his work as Chairman of the Willis R. Ford Chapter of DeMolay Advisory Committee.

Brother Keith Ulan was the driving force behind a very successful Christmas Party in 1989 and thanked all the Brothers who had helped to make it a success. Several Brothers of the Lodge extended their appreciation to Bro. Ulan for his work in making the Christmas Party such a success.

During 1989, McKinley Lodge Initiated One, Passed One to the Degree of Fellowcraft and Raised the following Two to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

Robert Alan Grubbe James Joseph Riffle, Jr.

Gene Martin Swaim affiliated with McKinley in 1989, from Leo Lodge No. 224, in Leo, Indiana.

Donald Frederick Grady and Robert Gerald Weist were restored to membership in 1989, and the dues were remitted for eight distressed worthy Brothers and twenty-two Fifty-year Members.

The following Demitted in 1989:

George Samuel Arnold (T) Roy Merrill Castle
David North Ellis (T) James Billie Harmening (T)

James Eugene McNeal (T) — Marshall Lauris Severson(T)
Edward Coleman Tinsley — Richard J. Dye (E.A. Demit)

Fourteen were suspended for nonpayment of dues.

The following eighteen members died in 1989:

Vernon Edgar Best — Johnny Craigon Biter
Melvin Jack Blieden * — Ermyl Wayner Bloyd
Harry Grant Boring — Joseph John Bornejko
Delbert Truman Chansler * — William Owen Funston *
Henry Haisler — Joseph Johnson Ingraham
Leo Frank Kasel — Charles Francis Kirkland
Keith Jordan Kitzmiller — Ernest George Livingston *
Phillip Bruce Lynn — John Harold Snyder
Ronald Lee Stoltz
Albert Theodore Robertson (* By Perfect Ashlar Lodge # 12, Bisbee, Arizona)

**** 1990 *****

The annual Installation of McKinley Officers took place December 16, 1989. The Installing Officers were:

Installing Master	Russell M. Foss, P.M.
Installing Marshal	James O. Retheford, P.M.
Installing Chaplain	Coy E. Bonner, P.M.
Installing Secretary	Charles G. Jones, P.M.
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Treas. Donald I. Henry, P.M. — J.S. W. Don Bramlet
Sec'y. Barry L. McKnight, P.M. — Chap. Harry E. Personett, P.M.
Tyler ____ — Organ Louis Toth, P.M.

Following the formal Ceremony, Bro. Kenneth L. Burroughs presented his father, Wor. Master "Abe" Burroughs with a fine gavel of authority. Gifts of

a Past Master's Jewel and Apron were presented to the "Baby Past Master", Wor. Bro. Raymond W. Woomer.

The annual Trowel Award was presented to Bro. Max Wernersbach by Wor. Bro. Woomer followed by introduction of guests and wives by Wor. Bro. Hayward Glidewell.

The year closed with McKinley presiding as hosts to Garfield Lodge for the Table Lodge in Celebration of the Feast of St. John the Evangelist. The speaker for the evening was Wor. Bro. Leon Langner, P.M. of Garfield Lodge, who spoke on the subject "Replace Yourself Plus One." The Fraternal Assistance Box was passed and $135.00 was collected to be given to a distressed worthy Brother.

At the January 9, 1990 Stated Meeting, Bro. Anthony Kondrat presented his engineering drawings for a new entrance and foyer for the Temple. Bro. "Tony" could have been an "Operative Mason" in the ancient sense of the term. His designs on the trestle board for McKinley's Schererville Temple were excellent. Everyone is proud of the new entrance and foyer.

The By-Laws were amended to expand the number of trustees to five because of the heavy work load on the trustees directly related to the needed improvements on the Temple. Their terms of office were staggered to more smoothly complete the annual transition of some of the Trustees.
The Trustees were as follows:

Raymond W. Woomer, P.M., William E, Conner, Charles Jones, P.M., Willliam E. Fullgraf, P.M., James E. McNabney, P.M., and Hayward E. Glidewell, P.M. Their terms were staggered

A motion by Wor. Bro. Jim McNabney was made at the February 1990 Stated Meeting, to proceed with the renovation work on the entrance as per the design and drawings of Bro. Kondrat at an estimated cost of $4000.00 to $5000.00. The motion was seconded and passed and the work was begun.

February 20, 1990, this writer, as a Past Grand Marshal and acting as Special Deputy for the Grand Master, presented the Grand Lodge Fifty- year Award of Gold to Wor. Bro. Cecil F. Lindsey and to his "Brother by Marriage" Bro. Harrison Eads. There are over a hundred families of deceased Brothers who have expressed their admiration for the beautiful manner in which Wor. Bro. Cecil Lindsey conducted a Masonic Memorial Service.

This writers personal admiration, love and respect for Wor. Bro. Cecil resulted in the following poem read during the presentation.

A TRIBUTE TO CECIL F. LINDSEY AND HARRISON EADS

**To Cecil Lindsey and Harrison Eads, we raise a toast tonight,
for fifty-years each of these men has searched for Masonic Light.**

**To know them is to love them, They're Masonic Brothers True
and more than this they happen to be, related by marriage too.**

**Harrison's traveled the world in electrical work, a self made engineer.
He's been to France, to Spain and to Liechtenstein, building structures to last for years.**

A steadfast loyalty to our craft, he's shown where 'ere he went. He's talked with Brothers on Masonry, his time has been well spent.

Cecil's great gift to God and man, have been in service and love. His spiritual gifts to our Brotherhood, are in the record above.

Now many a soul on gossamer wings, looks down with a love so great, for Cecil's words had sent them on toward Heavens beautiful gate.

We wish for our Brothers, long life and health, prosperity, the best, and someday a peaceful harbor, where the weary shall find rest.

**So I'll ask my Brother Cecil, will we meet in paradise?
With twinkling eyes he'll answer, "God Willing, and the creek don't rise."**

Those hundreds who knew and loved Wor. Bro. Cecil Lindsey will remember the familiar words quoted in the last sentence of this writers tribute to him.

March 6, 1990, this writer was again called upon to present a Grand Lodge Fifty-year Award of Gold. The recipient was Bro. Donald Leslie Oltz, a life long friend. Following the presentation, the presenter gave a talk on the importance of Leadership in Government, in Religion, and in the Masonic Fraternity.

The Grand Lodge Award of Gold was presented to Bro. John Arthur Lindeman on April 3, 1990, by Most worshipful Brother Clarence A. Tapper, as Special Deputy for the Grand Master.

At the April 10, 1990 Stated Meeting, Wor. Bro. James E. McNabney gave a detailed review of the Insurance recommendations for each Lodge as proposed by the Indiana Grand Lodge and the extend to which McKinley Lodge was in compliance with the recommendations.

The Grand Lodge Secretary notified McKinley that he had mailed the Grand Lodge Award of Gold to our Brother, Ted William Swets.

At the May 1990 Stated Meeting, a big thank you was given to Brother William J. Runyan for donating the labor and materials for the roof on the new entrance to the Temple. Brother "Bill" Runyan, our Junior Deacon, placed a poem by Most Worshipful Brother Newell A. Lamb (M.W.G.M. 1953-1954), in the May 1990 issue of the Square and Compass. Our Wor Bro. Russell Foss used the poem whenever he made the Bible presentation for McKinley Lodge. The poem, in this writers estimation, is one that should be preserved so it is placed in this history.

THE APRON

"At God's Alter you received it, the apron that you wear.
Your Brethren gladly heard you say you'd keep it white and fair;
Don't think that you can take it off, wherever you may be,
It's always 'neath your bosom for all the world to see.

And if you should slip and stain it, as you vowed you'd never do, that stain will spread and darken, every other Mason too.
So keep that apron spotless, by thought and deed and prayer,
that the world will always honor, that apron that you wear."

The above poem, in this writers view, is what Masonry is all about.

At the June 12, 1990 Stated Meeting, a letter from Indiana Harbor Lodge No. 686, was read inviting McKinley to join them in worship at the Griffith Methodist Church in honor of St. John the Baptist Day June 24, 1990. Masonic Lodges are dedicated to the two Holy Saints John who were both distant cousins of Jesus and though there is no record of historical evidence of any relationship to Masonry, and Masonry claims no Religion for its members, the lives of the Holy Saints John represent the ideals of Brotherly Love and Friendship by which Masons should aspire to live.

At the June 1990 Stated Meeting, on motion made, seconded and passed, the Lodge award $500.00 to James Fullgraf. He had donated the men, the labor, the brick and mortar for the brickwork on the new addition of the Temple and asked nothing in return. James Fullgraf is the son of Wor. Bro. William E. Fullgraf.

Another fine contribution was made by Brother Kondrat. He presented the Lodge with a beautiful self-made DeMolay Emblem for the front of the Temple.

This writer presented The Grand Lodge Fifty-year Award of Gold to Bro. Hanley Wilson Staley. The recipient had been this writers coach while a student at Hammond High School. Bro. Staley came from Buffalo New York

to receive the award. It was a pleasure to give a short talk on Truth, Beauty and Goodness, following the presentation, and at refreshment, to reminisce about old times at Hammond High School.

Another Hammond Educator, Brother Willard R. Jonas was to have received his Grand Lodge Award of Gold the same evening. Due to illness it was necessary that this writer, accompanied by Wor. Master Audrian G. Burroughs and Secretary, Wor. Bro. Barry L. McKnight, go to the home of Brother Jonas and make the presentation to the long time friend and colleague of this writer. He had been the Instrumental Music teacher at several Hammond Schools.

The Flag Pole, with a plaque in memory of Brother Kirby Thomas has been previously mentioned. However, the plaque was not placed at the foot of the flag pole until sometime later in 1990. It was put in place by Wor. Bros. Raymond W. Woomer and James McNabney.

Medical oxygen bottles and gages were donated to the Lodge by Shererville resident Bro. Bradley Anderson, a member of Arcadia Lodge No. 1138, in Lansing, Illinois.

As a result of a great deal of work by Brother Keith Ulan and his family, McKinley Lodge held a picnic in September 1990, in Reeder Park in Schererville. Bro. Don Bramlet addressed the Lodge giving a big thank you on behalf of the Lodge to Brother Keith Ulan.

The letter of resignation from Brother Keith Ulan, Senior Deacon, was read at the October 9, 1990 Stated Meeting. The letter stated that "Due to increased activities both at home and at work, I find myself unable to continue as Senior Deacon of our Lodge." This resignation from such a fine man and Mason was accepted with sadness by those present and all who knew Brother Ulan.

The annual Past Masters Dinner was held October 20, 1990, at the Temple and the widows of the deceased Past Masters were invited and present.

The Fifty-year Award of Gold was mailed to Brother Gail Ira Lambert of McKinley Lodge by the Grand Secretary and the letter from the Grand Secretary regarding the mailing was read to the Lodge.

Abbie Hanson Chapter O.E.S., joined McKinley Lodge in sponsoring the December 8, 1990, Christmas Party. There were pizzas galore, candy, pop, ice cream and finally Santa appeared with a gift for every child present.

In 1990, McKinley Lodge Initiated five, passed four to the Degree of Fellowcraft and Raised Richard Donald Hart to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

John William Morris and Percy Wilbur Spork were restored to membership.

Dues were remitted for thirty Fifty-year Members and for eleven Distressed Worth Brothers.

The following eleven demitted in 1990:

George Milburn Anglin
James Richard Brogan
Robert William Depyssler (T)
Albert Gonzales (T)
Rev. Bro. Archie Mackey
Donald Robert Smith (T)
James Ted Ballard (T)
James Albert Courtright
Clarke Gordon Gholson
Donald Leroy Hawkins (T)
Herbert Payne (T)

Ten were suspended for nonpayment of dues.

The following 28 members died in 1990: (A * denotes a Masonic Memorial Service)

Fred Bastin, Jr.
William Robert Burger *
Dean Anson Cross *
John Edward Finck *
Lewis Carl Grose
James Edward Kelly, Jr.
James William Lavan *
Charles Vincent McArty, P.M. *
Charles Claude McDonald *
Guy Franklin Meyers *
Theodore Radle
Lloyd J. Straughn *
Rolland Werblo *
Karl Newton Woerner
Malcolm Hoyt Benjamin
Lloyd Wesley Coover
Arthur Leroy Emerson
Carlyle Foster Gooch
Charles Roy Hendrix *
Theodore Kutscher
Orville George Malde
Bruce Holman McClellan *
Donald Raymond Merchant *
Earl J. Neighbors *
Kermit Clark Ray
Howard Neil Stromquist *
Maxwell Cecil Wernersbach *
Ilus Claude Wood, Sr. *

The annual report listed the 1990 Total Membership for McKinley Lodge as of December 31, 1990 as 727, with dues chargeable to 693.

***** 1991 *****

The Installation of the McKinley Officers to serve in 1991, was held December 15, 1990 in the Masonic Temple in Schererville, Indiana. The Installing Officers were as follows:

Installing Master	Barry L. McKnight, P.M.
Installing Marshal	Raymond W. Woomer, P.M.
Installing Chaplain	Coy E. Bonner, P.M.
Installing Secretary	Charles G. Jones, P.M.

Installing Organist	James E. McNabney, P.M.
Coordinator	Russell M. Foss, P.M.
Master of Ceremonies	Clarence A. Tapper, P.M. & P.G.M.
Ushers	Thomas F. Lowrance & Bill J. Smith

The 1991 McKinley Officers Installed were:

W.M. Lloyd I. Oman	S.D. Kenneth B. Pazdur
S.W. Edwin L. Wilking	J.D. William E. Conner (Absent)
J.W. William J. Runyan	S.S. W. Don Bramlet
Treas. Donald I. Henry, P.M.	J.S. Alvin W. Wahl
Sec'y. Barry L. McKnight P.M.	Chap Harry E. Personett, P.M.
Tyler Edward A. Evans	Organ Louis Toth, P.M.(Absent)

Following the Proclamation, of the formal Installation, Wor. Bro. Barry McKnight presented Wor. Master Lloyd I. Oman with the same gavel he and his wife, Billie Omen had used when they were Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Hammond Chapter No. 370, O.E.S.

Wor. Bro. Barry McKnight, as Installing Master, called upon Wor. Bro. Lloyd Oman to present to the newest Past Master, Audrian G. Burroughs, the Past Masters Apron and Jewel. Following the presentation of an additional gavel to Wor. Master Oman from his daughter and son-in-law, and talks by the incoming and outgoing Masters, the Master of Ceremonies, Most Worshipful Brother Clarence A. Tapper introduced the wives of the Installing Officers and other dignitaries and announced a reception and open house. The benediction by Installing Chaplain, Coy E. Bonner, P.M., concluded the ceremonies.

During the January 8, 1991 Stated Meeting Wor. Master Lloyd I. Oman presented the 1990 McKinley Trowel Award, an award for excellent service to the Craft, to Brother William E. Conner.

An Education Night was held on February 26, 1991, following a fine dinner. Wor. Bro. Jim McNabney introduced a number of Brothers who took part in giving a skit from the "Old Tyler Talks."

A Memorial Service was held for Wor. Bro. Cecil F. Lindsey on March 3, 1991. This was a great loss to McKinley Lodge. Wor. Bro. Cecil F. Lindsey, was our Chaplain and Spiritual Leader for many years. He was an excellent speaker, well known for his humor and his knowledge and ability in poetry recitation. This writer was fortunate to have known him for over forty years and to have had him as a Friend and Brother.

At the March 12, 1991 Stated Meeting, a motion was made by Wor. Bro. Ray Woomer to complete the improvements needed on the Temple. A motion was also made that night by Wor. Bro. Clarence Covault, that McKinley Lodge pay

the $10.00 increase in the cost of the Square and Compass Magazine, to a maximum of $230.00 per month only until, September, 1991 and that we look for an alternative to disseminating the news of McKinley Lodge. Both motions carried.

May 21, 1991, a Scottish Rite Night was held because the Lodge was dark due to the Grand Lodge Communication. Only 32nd Degree Masons were in attendance that night to hear the reading of a new Fourth Degree for the Scottish Rite written by this writer and Illustrious Robert Hepler, 33rd Degree. The reaction of the Scottish Rite Masons to a brand new Degree was sought by this writer in his efforts to further revise and improve the draft that was read. Eleven Brothers took the various parts in the reading and appreciation of their efforts is noted here.

A "Newsletter Committee" was appointed by Wor. Master Oman on a motion by the Secretary, to investigate the costs and work involved in publishing our own Newsletter. At the April, 1991 Stated Meeting a committee consisting of Wor. Bros. James E. McNabney, Barry L. McKnight and William F. McNabney was appointed to search for an editor for the new McKinley Newsletter. Also at the April 10, 1991 Stated Meeting, 25 Year Pins were presented to seven members present and eligible to receive the award. Nine were mailed to those not in attendance.

Notice from the Grand Master was received stating Most Worshipful Brother Dwight L. Smith had resigned as Editor of the Indiana Freemason after fifty years of service to the magazine. It was a great loss to Indian Masons. His work was well known throughout the world.

A Grand Lodge Award of Gold was mailed to Bro. Henry Saylor Daugherty. A presentation was made of the Fifty-year Award to Bro. Russell Albert Petrie by Wor. Bro. Barry McKnight, Past Grand Steward and Tyler, and Special Deputy to the Grand Master. Wor. Bro. Barry did a beautiful job in his presentation.

The final issue of the Square and Compass Magazine under the owner and Editor Wor. Bro. Otto R. Burkybile was the June 1991 issue. Otto had been the Editor for twenty years of the seventy-two years and six months the magazine had been published.

A motion by Wor. Bro. James E. McNabney for the Lodge to decline the offer of the new publishers to continue to subscribe to the Square and Compass was seconded and passed.

At the Stated Meeting of July 9, 1991, the Secretary announced the donation of by Wor. Bro. Hayward Glidewell of a window fire escape for the second floor of the Lodge.

Also, a report by Trustee Tom Lowrance was given on the statues of widening the rear staircase to the top floor and he recommended the completion of several small repairs needed to improve the Temple.

At the August 1991 Stated Meeting, Wor. Bro. Jim McNabney, Chairman of the Search Committee for an editor for McKinley's new newsletter, recommended that Bro. Richard P. Allenbaugh be named as Editor of the "Schererville Temple News" with Wor. Bro. William Fullgraf as co-editor. This writer made the motion for the Lodge to purchase a Software Desktop Publishing Program to be used by the co-editors in the preparation of the publication. Because of circumstances beyond the control of Bro. Allenbaugh, the work load up for producing the Newsletter up to the present time, has fallen on the shoulders of Wor.Bro. Fullgraf. The Lodge is fortunate to have him to pick up the load.

The bill from Ristich Asphalt Paving, for the asphalt paving of the parking lot was read at the September 10, 1991 Stated Meeting. The total cost was $2,012.34, for paving, sealing and repairs to the lot.

Secretary McKnight reported on the long and difficult task he was having in trying to secure a Non-profit Bulk Mailing Permit from the United States Postal Service. After many meetings with the postal authorities Wor. Bro. Barry McKnight had not yet met with success.

September 24, 1991, a Grand Lodge Award of Gold was presented to Bro. Guy M. Whitlatch, Sr. by Wor. Bro. James E. McNabney as Special Deputy for the Grand Master. Following the presentation, Wor. Bro. Jim gave an educational program entitled "The Other Side of the Coin."

Bro. Tom Lowrance announced at the October 8, 1991 Stated Meeting, that the roof was in serious need of repair and the Lodge voted the Trustees permission to proceed with the repairs. It was also announced that the Willis R. Ford Chapter of DeMolay, had replaced the marble top on the East Podium as a donation to the Lodge.

At the November, 1991 Stated Meeting, word was received from Joesph E. Paxton, P.G.M., and Chairman of the Grand Lodge Publications Committee, the McKinley Lodge had approval to proceed with the publication of the Schererville Temple News. Wor. Bro. Barry McKnight also announced that we had finally received a "Non-For-Profit Bulk Mailing Permit" from the United States Postal Authorities, but we still needed a McKinley Lodge Mailing Committee. Wor. Master Lloyd Oman volunteered his service and that of his wife Billie Oman to prepare the Newsletter for mailing.

Wor. Bro. Barry McKnight announced that Abbie Hanson Chapter 578, O.E.S., had volunteered to pay the entire cost of $2,592.00 for the extensive roof repairs needed. Once again, Abbie Hanson came to the rescue of McKinley Lodge.

A proposal to amend the By-Laws to reduce the number of Trustees to three was made at the November, 1991 Stated Meeting, and passed at the December 10, 1991, Meeting.

The entertainment at the annual Christmas Party was a one man show by David Spicer, and Christmas fruit baskets were sent to the widows of Past Masters and one or two others who were hospitalized.

Wor. Bro. Jim McNabney met with the Schererville Town Officials and secured permission for the Lodge to erect Masonic Temple signs at two locations on U.S. Route 30, near our Temple.

December 9, 1991 was a sad day because of the death and Memorial Service of our Tyler Edward August Evans who had served religiously since the death of Bro. Tom Nelson.

McKinley Lodge hosted the Feast of St. John on December 27, 1991. The speaker of the evening was Brother Edward R. Reed, a member of Garfield Lodge No. 569. Brother Reed is a good friend of this writer and has served with him for many years as a fellow member on the Board of Directors of First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Hammond. Brother Reed spoke on "The Importance of High Standards in Masonry." His message was interesting and most appropriate in this day and age of social and moral decay.

In 1991, McKinley Lodge Initiated seven, Passed six to the Degree of Fellowcraft and Raised the following eight to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

Richard Allenbaugh
Michael Wayne Daniels
Jeffrey William Hamilton
Ronald Davis Spork
Robert Francis Brunner, Jr.
William Charles Ellis
Dannie Loyd Lear
Theodore Roman Stark

James Dennis Pastor and Eugene Herman Vanzo were restored to membership.

Dues were remitted for twelve distressed worthy brothers and for twenty-eight fifty-year members.

The following eleven demitted in 1991:
William Paul Asztalos
Bryan David Ceirs (T)
Ronald Eugene Crooks
Warren Gordon Duncil, Jr. (T)
Bruce Cook Lorton
James Michael Vallas
Edward Ray Baker (T)
Bill Cullen Ceirs (T)
Curtis Elored Dorris
Andrew Ellette Ivey, Jr.(T)
Leonard Staples (T)

Five were suspended for nonpayment of dues.

The following twenty-two members died in 1991:

Lloyd Delbert Arons *	John Alder Brossart, Jr.
William Eskil Cash *	Richard James Dye
Walter Adam Ebert *	Edward August Evans *
Jack Hojnacki	John Alvin Keagle *
Cecil Francis Lindsey, P.M. *	Delbert Evan Menck
Merle Faye Patton	Howard Louis Rose
Elbert Ruford Rush, Sr. *	Max Mickey Snider
William Lardy Sutherin	Louis Szekely, Sr. *
Allen Harvey Temple	Charles Roy Walker
Keith Merlin Wertz	Robbie Alfred White *
Warren Joseph Williams	Charles Estil Wood *

The report for 1991 listed a total membership for McKinley Lodge of 699.

***** 1992 *****

The Installation of the 1992 Officers was held Saturday, December 20, 1991. The Installing Officers were as follows:

Installing Master	William E. Fullgraf, P.M.
Installing Marshal	Russell M. Foss, P.M.
Installing Chaplain	John O. White, P.M.
Installing Secretary	Raymond W. Woomer, P.M.
Master of Ceremonies	Clarence A. Tapper, P.M. & P.G.M.
Coordinator	William G. Henry, P.M.
Installing Organist	Anthony Kondrat
Ushers	Bros. Tom Lowrance & Bill J. Smith

The Officers Installed for 1992 were:

W.M. Edwin R. Wilking	S.D. Coy F. Bonner
S.W. William J. Runyan	J.D. Alvin W. Wahl
J.W. Kenneth Pazdur	S.S. Tom Clawson
Treas. Donald I. Henry, P.M.	J.S. Jim Karnafel
Sec'y. Barry L. McKnight, P.M.	Chap. Harry E. Personett,P.M.
Tyler Wilbur Don Bramlet	Organ Louis Toth, P.M.

A letter of resignation from his office as Trustee was received from Bro. William E. Conner and read at the January 14, 1992 Stated Meeting. Thank you letters from the widows of Past Masters for the Christmas Fruit Baskets

were also read.

Bro. Tom Lowrance gave a talk on "The Purpose and Methods of Instruction and Use of the Mentors Manual" at a February 4, 1992, Education Meeting. At the February 11, 1992 Stated Meeting the resignation of Wor. Bro. Coy Bonner, P.M., as Senior Deacon and as Assistant Chaplain was read. Wor. Bro. Coy Bonner later rescinded his resignation as Assistant Chaplain.

A letter from the Grand Secretary was read notifying the Lodge that the Grand Lodge Award of Gold had been mailed to Bro. Clyde Edward Reynolds. Another Education Meeting was held on February 25, 1992, in which Wor. Bro. James E. McNabney reviewed the book "The Temple and the Lodge" by Baigent Leigh. This was followed on March 3, 1992, Casimir Pulaski Day, by a talk by Wor. Bro. William F. McNabney, Ed.D., on the Masonic History of Casimir Pulaski. Wor. Bro. Bill gave a review of Casmir Pulaski's contributions to this country prior to his death at sea after being severely wounded during the Battle of Savannah.

March 24, 1992, Wor. Bro. Clarence Covault, as Special Deputy to the Grand Master, presented the grand Lodge Award of Gold to Bro. Ralph Willard Margenau.

Wor. Master Wilking appointed Bro. Robert F. Brunner to the Office of Senior Deacon at the Stated Meeting of April 14, 1992. This was to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Wor. Bro. Coy E. Bonner.

The resignations of Alvin W. Wahl from the Office of Junior Deacon and of Wor. Bro. William G. Henry as custodian were read at the May 12, 1992 Stated Meeting. Bill was having some health problems at this time that made his resignation necessary. A copy of a letter from William F. McNabney to the Grand Secretary was read at this meeting in which he resigned his position as Grand Lodge Representative of British Columbia to the Grand Lodge of Indiana. Having held this office for a number of years, it was time for the appointment of a younger Brother to this office.

June 21,1992, the Lodge attended the St. John the Baptist service at the Griffith Methodist Church on the invitation from the Reverend Glen Hulbert, pastor of the church.

Brother Robert F. Brunner was formally Installed as Senior Deacon at the June 9, 1992 Stated Meeting, by Wor. Bro. Fullgraf as Installing Master, Wor. Bro. Harry E. Personett as Chaplain, and Wor. Bro. Barry McKnight as Installing Secretary. Wor. Bro. Hayward Glidewell acted as Installing Marshal.

One of the greatest gifts ever received by McKinley Lodge was announced at the June 9, 1992, Stated Meeting. Brother Ronald D. Spork, President of Consolidated Fabrications and Constructors, Inc., volunteered the time,

materials and labor force from his company to remove the four pillars protruding in the center of the Lodge room and replace them with two huge overhead eighteen inch "I-Beams" to span the entire room with cross beams to support the entire second floor of the building. This left the Lodge room floor completely open with no obstructions and brought the Lodge into compliance with the requirement by the Grand Lodge Supervisory Board at the time the building was purchased.

The sons of McKinley Brother Percy Spork, McKinley Brothers Ronald and William Spork, and their brother Richard are the owners of the company and were responsible for this magnanimous contribution. The motion to accept their contribution with grateful thanks was made by this writer, seconded and duly passed.

Wor. Bro. McKnight announced at the July 14, 1992 Stated Meeting, that the Grand Lodge had awarded 546 Scholarships to sons, daughters and relatives if Indiana Masons. He also announced the Grand Secretary had mailed the Grand Lodge Award of Gold to McKinley Brothers Robert Roy Beucus, Roy Glenmore Oliver, Sr., and George Edward Brusel.

The September 8, 1992 Stated Meeting, brought a letter from the Grand Master requesting assistance for the victims of Hurricane Andrew that hit Florida and Louisiana. A letter of resignation from Worshipful Master Edwin Wilking, effective immediately was also read at this meeting. Wor. Master Wilking was taking a new job in Florida and it was necessary that he leave the area immediately to take the job.

October 6, 1992, Wor. Bro. Jim McNabney gave a book review of John Robinson's "Born in Blood." At the October 13, 1992 Stated Meeting, Bro. Tom Lowrance made a motion to refurbish the lighting system and the ceiling supports around the newly installed I-Beams. The motion passed. Also, the Secretary announced that Abbie Hanson Chapter had made a donation of $2500.00 to McKinley Lodge. This would provide the funds necessary for the electrical improvements.

December 1992, was a flurry of activity. The annual Christmas Party, the delivery of Christmas fruit baskets to widows of Past Masters, the annual Election of Officers and the Installation were only a part of the months activities.

A motion by Wor. Bro. Woomer at the December 8, 1992 Stated Meting said, "instead of sending a wreath of flowers at the death of a Brother, we send a monetary donation to the Indiana Masonic Home in the name of the deceased Brother." After some discussion, it was decided to send a $10.00 donation to the Indiana Masonic Home in the name of the deceased Brother effective January 1, 1993.

In 1992, McKinley Lodge Initiated eight, Passed six to the Degree of Fellowcraft and Raised the following seven to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

Robert Harold Brooks
Thomas Robert Long
William Edward Spork
Thaddeus Henry Wachala
Richard Warren Jordan
Stephen Howard Porter
Steven Joseph Toth

Billy Grant McHenry affiliated with McKinley in 1992, but demitted later in the year.

Harold Bondi Clark and Fred Smith were restored to membership.

Dues were remitted for seven distressed worthy Brothers and for thirty-one Fifty-year Members.

Eight were suspended in 1992 for nonpayment of dues.

The following nine demitted in 1992:

Oscar Newton Alsip
Robert Eugene Downing
Francis Paul Jaquay (T)
Joseph Benjamin Mosley (T)
Jack Pressley (T)
Ernest Edward Cunningham
Robert Clinn Ellyson
Billy Grant McHenry
John Dellie Pellon (T)

The following seventeen members died in 1992:

Relda Thomas Carter *
William Covault *
Dan Guy Franklin
Gerald Frank Heichel *
Robert Cook James
Harold Charles Lintz
Russell Albert Petrie *
Homas Reeves
Howard James White
George Herbert Cooper
Byford Eldoris Davis *
Isadore Edward Friedman
William Hudson
Charles William Lamb
William Calvin Lowe
Earl Delmar Pigg
Ray Donald Tanney

The annual report for 1992, listed membership for McKinley Lodge as 675.

***** 1993 *****

The Installation of the 1993 Officers for McKinley Lodge was held Saturday, December 19, 1992. The Installing Officers were as follows:

Installing Master	**William F. McNabney, P.M.**
Installing Marshal	**Charles G. Jones, P.M.**
Installing Secretary	**Audrian G. Burroughs, P.M.**
Installing Chaplain	**John O. White, P.M.**
Master of Ceremonies	**Clarence A. Tapper, P.M.& P.G.M.**
Coordinator	**William E. Fullgraf, P.M.**
Installing Organist	**James E. McNabney, P.M.**
Photographer	**Raymond E. Lucht**
Ushers	**Bros. Thomas F. Lowrance & Bill J. Smith**

The Officers Installed for 1993 were:

W.M. William J. Runyan	**S.D. James M. Karnafel**
S.W. Kenneth B. Pazdur	**J.D. Thomas P. Clawson**
J.W. Robert F. Brunner	**S.S. Richard W. Jordan**
Treas. Donald I. Henry, P.M.	**J.S. Tod H. Wachala**
Sec'y. Barry L. McKnight, P.M.	**Chap. Harry E. Personett, P.M.**
Tyler Wilbur Don Bramlet	**Organ Louis Toth, P.M.**

In the absence of Wor. Master Edwin Wilking, Wor. Bro. William E. Fullgraf welcomed everyone to the Installation. Following the formal ceremony, the newly Installed Wor. Master William J. Runyan gave an acceptance address and was then presented with a beautiful ring by his two daughters. Bro. Eugene Truman, the Sovereign Prince of the Zerubbable Council of the Scottish Rite presented Wor. Master Runyan with a gift of "The Master's Book."

Wor. Bro. Clarence Tapper then introduced the wives of the Installing Officers and the distinguished guests and invited everyone to a reception to follow the Installation.

This writer made a recommendation at the January 12, 1993 Stated Meeting, for the Wor. Master to appoint a McKinley History Committee under the Chairmanship of the Senior Warden to survey the membership relative to the degree of interest in the purchase of this volume to help determine whether the Lodge wanted or could afford to publish this book once it was completed. A committee was subsequently appointed and a telephone survey of over two hundred members was conducted. Almost everyone contacted was interested in getting the book published and there were very few who said they would not be interested in purchasing a copy.

Brother Gus Rizos, a retired expert in the field of printing and binding, volunteered to secure the best estimates possible for the project. Bro. Rizos has been a great help on this project.

The Wor. Master introduced a custom of having a short Masonic vignette read at the close of each meeting to round out the evening before closing.

McKinley Lodge made visitations to Griffith Lodge No. 735, on both January 19 and 26 in 1993, and viewed the conferring of the Fellowcraft and the MM Degree respectively.

March 2, 1993, this writer read the "Ancient Charges" and illustrated the meaning of each in terms of the period in which they were written. He explained the relationship of the Ancient Charges to the fidelity to the Master under the Feudal System of Economics and Government during the Medieval or Middle Ages.

April 3, 1993, McKinley Lodge held a dinner honoring the members of Abbie Hanson Chapter No. 578, O.E.S. The dinner was to commemorate the fact that Abbie Hanson Chapter was merging with Indiana Harbor Chapter No. 378, O.E.S. in Highland, Indiana, and to thank Abbie Hanson for all they had contributed to McKinley Lodge throughout their history.

The following account of the history of Abbie Hanson Chapter was given at the dinner by Past Worthy Matron, Shirley McKnight who somehow managed to hold back the tears during her presentation. Shirley presently holds the Star Point Electa, in Indiana Harbor Chapter No. 378, O.E.S.

"The petition for the Dispensation for Abbie Hanson was signed by the charter members on December 12, 1946. The Chapter was instituted on January 18, 1947, at the Hammond Masonic Temple by Worthy Grand Patron Elmore D. Sturgis. Chosen as the first Worthy Matron and Patron were Vida and Max Klee and the Installation Ceremony was performed by Hammond Chapter No. 370, O.E.S. of Hammond, Indiana. Abbie Hanson Chapter, Under Dispensation, was Officially Constituted as "Abbie" Chapter on May 3, 1947. Abbie Hanson, Right Worthy Grand Conductress of the Indiana Grand Chapter, O.E.S., served as Grand Installing Officer assisted by Grand Worthy Patron, George W. Boone."

A Memorial Service was held April 12, 1993, for Bro. John Russell Benoit of McKinley Lodge. He was the Brother-in-Law of our Junior Warden, Robert Brunner. The Service was conducted by Wor. Bro. Frank P. Sutkowski, Past Master of Roosevelt Lodge No 716, and a good friend of Bro. Benoit. Our Chaplain, Wor. Bro. Harry Personett assisted in the Service with Wor. Master William Runyan carrying the Three Great Lights.

April 20, 1993, Wor. Bro. Barry L. McKnight, as Special Deputy of the Grand

Master, presented the Grand Lodge Award of Gold to Bro. James Carlson Wilson.

At the May 11, 1993 Stated Meeting, Bro. Robert Brunner made the motion to have 400 copies of the History of McKinley Lodge 1919 - 1994, printed and bound with a hard backed cover. The motion was seconded by Wor. Bro. Hayward Glidewell and passed. This writer deliberately absented himself from this meeting to assure free and open discussion of the motion that was going to be presented. As a result of that motion, you, the reader has been able to purchase a copy to be handed down through your family. Copies will also be found in the public library in Hammond, the Lake County Public Library, the Indiana State Library and the Library of Congress.

Wor. Bro. William G. Henry had resigned as custodian of the Temple to go to California and it was announced at the May 11, 1993 Stated Meeting, that Shirley McKnight, Past Worthy Matron of Abbie Chapter was kind enough to accept the position of custodian to help McKinley out of a difficult situation.

May 17, 1993, Wor. Bro. Harry E. Personett, our Chaplain was presented his Fifty-Year Grand Lodge Award of Gold by Wor. Bro. Russell G. White, P.M., of East Chicago Lodge No. 595, and a close friend of Wor. Bro. Personett. Many of the Brothers, friends and family of Wor. Bro. Harry were present for the ceremony. Before the ceremony Bro. Harry and his wife Alona, treated everyone to an excellent, fully catered dinner in the dining room.

June 29, 1993, Brother Minos Elias Litos treated the Lodge to an excellent steak dinner in commemoration of his having been Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on June 1, 1993. Bro. Litos himself cooked the very large delicious steaks and following the degree work, the Lodge returned to the dining room for refreshments consisting of several kinds of cream pies, fruit pies topped with whipped cream, pineapple upside down cake and this writer has forgotten what else was on the table. These too, were made by Brother Litos.

Although July and August were dark except for Stated Meetings, Bro. Bob Brunner continued to work with the Craft weekly with an open invitation to help everyone improve their skills in the Degree work.

At the July 12, 1993 Stated Meeting, a recommendation by Trustee Tom Lowrance to develop both short range and long range plans for the physical maintenance of the interior and the exterior of the Temple. The recommendation was to obtain voluntary pledges from the membership over three years to raise the approximately $40,000.00 needed to immediately paint and later stucco the outside of the facility. Further bids in greater detail would be sought and a meeting with one of the bidders would be held with the Lodge present before any work would be contracted.

At the August 10, 1993 Stated Meeting, twenty-five year pins were presented to several eligible members present and mailed to those who were not present. During the meeting a communication from the Grand Master was read requesting Indiana Lodges to send financial assistance to Lodges devastated by the 1993 flooding of the Midwest States along the Mississippi River.

Also, the resignation of Wor. Bro. James E. McNabney as the Willis R. Ford Chapter, DeMolay Dad was read. Wor. Master Runyan called for a volunteer to take over the DeMolay responsibilities previously held by Wor. Bro. Jim McNabney but there were no volunteers.

The death of Bro. Nickolas Dentrono was announced at the August 10, 1993 Stated Meeting. Bro. Nick was a member of McKinley Lodge for over fifty years. Also at this meeting, Bro. Frank Fall Quinn of Colfax Lodge No. 378 was elected to Affiliate with McKinley Lodge.

September 1993 found the Lodge hard at work with E.A. Degrees on September 7, and September 21,1993, and MM Degrees on September 11, 1993 and September 28, 1993. At the September 14, 1993 Stated Meeting, Bro. Everett Rudolph Chapman was restored to membership.

October 5, 1993, McKinley Lodge held a Masonic Memorial Service for Bro. Merle W. Nicewander a member of Paxton Lodge No. 416 of Paxton, Illinois. Bro. Merle lived directly across the street from this writer for the last nineteen years and had become a good friend.

Five of McKinley's members died in the month of October 1993. This sorrow was tempered somewhat with the mailing of the Grand Lodge Fifty-year Award of Gold to Jens Alexandersen and Anthony Mikulan.

At the Stated Meeting of October 12, 1993, Wor. Master Runyan appointed S.W. Kenny Pazdur to Chair a committee to determine how best McKinley Lodge could assist the Willis R. Ford Chapter of DeMolay. The committee was to try to find McKinley members who could give the time and effort needed as to become actively involved in helping DeMolay.

Bro. "Bill" Cole passed away on October 14, 1993 at Heyworth, Illinois. Graveside Services at Chapel Lawn Cemetery in Schererville, Indiana were held by McKinley Lodge. Bro. Bill had played in a Masons Dance Band with this writer for many years before the Edward Valve Company transferred him to Pennsylvania. McKinley's Chaplain, Wor. Bro. Harry Personett gave a most impressive graveside ceremony.

October 19, 1993 Jay Jerome Runyan was Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft. This writer is privileged to have this young man as a friend and is pleased that he is on his way to becoming a member of McKinley Lodge.

With young men of excellent character such as this coming into Masonry, the future indeed looks bright.

Another fine man, Joseph Lowell Avery was Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on November 2, 1993. At the November 9, 1993 Stated Meeting the announcement of the death of Bro. Harry Newton Young and the Demit of Thomas Steward to Seneca Lodge No. 185, Seneca, South Carolina were read. Also, the resignation of Junior Deacon Thomas P. Clawson was read and accepted. This writer has been a close friend of Brother Clawson as has been previously mentioned and his resignation with regret brings sadness to many McKinley members.

It was also at the November 1993 Stated Meeting, that Wor. Master Runyan called for volunteers to serve with this writer on a Sales and Distribution Committee for this History Book. This writers great appreciation is extended to Wor. Bros. Coy E. Bonner and William J. Runyan and to Bros. Robert F. Brunner, J.W., Richard W. Jordan, S.S., Tod H. Wachala, J.S. and Gus Rizos for volunteering. This committee is dedicated to the goal of making this book a self-supporting project to avoid any expense to McKinley Lodge.

The Scottish Rite "Committee of Sixty West" under the leadership of McKinley Brother Arthur Geberin, invited this writer to speak about this book at their November 13, 1993 meeting. Art will be eligible for the Grand Lodge Award of Gold in 1994. The meeting at Tiebel's Restaurant was well attended and it was a pleasure to meet with the group.

The annual Past Masters Dinner was held November 20, 1993, at Jonathans Restaurant in Highland. After dinner, a beautiful Memorial Service honoring deceased Past Masters was conducted by Wor. Master Bill Runyan assisted by Brothers Jim Karnafel and Rich Jordan. Wor. Bro. and Chaplain Harry E. Personett gave the invocation and an excellent recitation of a part of a poem by Helen Steiner Rice in tribute to deceased Past Masters. Several of the widows of the deceased Past Masters, were guests of the Lodge. Entertainment was provided by a very talented Barbershop Double Quartet.

McKinley made a visitation to Griffith Lodge No. 735 on November 23, 1993 and on this date the Grand Lodge Fifty-year Award of Gold was mailed to Bro. Richard Franklin Jones living in Carlisle, Indiana.

Griffith Lodge returned the visit on November 30 when McKinley Lodge conferred the MM Degree on Joseph Lowell Avery. The work by the Wardens, Deacons and Stewards was outstanding. Bob Brunner was letter perfect as Wor. Master in the First Section, as the First Craftsman in the Second Section and delivered a beautiful Bible presentation. Equally as proficient was Ken Pazdur in the East in the Second Section. Richard Jordan and Tod Wachala could not be surpassed with their recitation of the required lecture and as the third Tyrian and second Craftsman respectively. Jim Karnafel, Scott Mitchell,

Chuck Jones and Bill Smith were also outstanding in their assignments as over fifty Masons present can testify. This writer is particularly proud of his former student at Hammond High School, Brother Richard W. Jordan, the Senior Steward of McKinley Lodge.

December 1993, like every December was a busy month for McKinley Lodge. The annual Christmas Party began at noon on December 11, 1993 and there were clowns and pizzas as well as gifts from Santa to all the children.

Two bills were approved at the December 14 Stated Meeting that were significant to this book. The first was for $3390.00, one half of the printing cost for 400 copies of this book. The second was for $900.00, one half of the cost for the cover and binding.

A word of appreciation goes to Wor. Bro. Larry Kaminsky of Garfield Lodge and his son Jason who on two occasions solved computer software problems for this writer.

The Election of Officers for 1994 was held at the December 14, 1993 Stated Meeting. The Actual Past Masters Degree was conferred December 16, 1993 on Master Elect Kenneth Pazdur. A dinner before the Public Installation was entirely provided by Bro. Minos Elias Litos on December 18, 1993. The Trowel Award went to Owen DeRolf for his outstanding contributions to McKinley.

The Grand Lodge Fifty-year Award of Gold was presented to Bro. Dean G. Williams at the December 21, 1993 Called Meeting. The presentation was made by Wor. Bro. William E. Fullgraf after being introduced by the recently Installed Wor. Master Kenneth B. Pazdur. Bill was appointed a Special Deputy to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Indiana Masons to make the presentation.

McKinley Lodge hosted the Feast of St. John the Evangelist on December 28, 1993. The speaker was Dr. William F. McNabney, P.M., who spoke on "St. John the Evangelist and His Influence on the Speaker." The wonderful dinner was prepared by the former members of Abbie Hanson Chapter No. 578, Order of Eastern Star. The contributions of Abbie Hanson Chapter to McKinley Lodge far exceed what this writer has mentioned in this book.

In 1993, McKinley Lodge Initiated 6, Passed 5 to the Degree of Fellowcraft and Raised the following to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason:

Gene Laulen Coleman
John Russell Benoit, Jr.
Arthur Dale Darnell
Minos Elias Litos
Ronald Emil Natzke
Wallace Raymond Boilek, Jr.
Joseph Lowell Avery

Everett Rudolph Chapman was Restored to membership.

Brother Frank Fall Quinn Affiliated with McKinley Lodge from Colfax Lodge No. 378 in Lowell, Indiana and Charles Victor Romanenko Affiliated from Garfield Lodge No. 569.

The following Demitted in 1993:

Harold Wilbur Sangbush	William Melvin Strong
Dennis Carl Chansler	Thomas Stewart (T)
Ernest W. Kozak	Martin L. Olsen

Ten were suspended in 1993 for nonpayment of dues.

The following members died in 1993: (* denotes a Masonic Memorial Service)

Charles William Lamb	Edward Nickolai Carlson
Edward August Hall *	John William Ayers, Jr.
Russell John Benoit, Jr.	Elmer James Klootwyk
Weikko John Iivari	Hanley Wilson Staley

Charles Hess Gilbert (* By Kendron Lodge # 389, West Middlesex, Pa.)
Nickolas Dentrono
William W. Cole (* Graveside Ceremony)

Kenneth Grier Iversen	George Rowe Barcus
Harry Joseph Mayda	Ray Dean Owen
Harry Newton Young	Clifford Morrison *
Robert A. Daniels *	

***** 1994 *****

The Installation of McKinley Lodge Officers for 1994 took place in the Temple Saturday, December 18, 1993. The Installing Officers were as follows:

Installing Master	Raymond W. Woomer, P.M.
Installing Marshal	William E. Fullgraf, P.M.
Installing Secretary	Audrian G. Burroughs, P.M.
Installing Chaplain	John O. White, P.M.
Coordinator	Charles G. Jones, P.M.
Master of Ceremonies	William F. McNabney, P.M.
Installing Organist	Bro. Anthony Kondrat
Ushers	Bros. Tom Lowrance and Bill J. Smith

The Officers Installed were:

W.M. Kenneth B. Pazdur	S.D. Richard W. Jordan
S.W. Robert F. Brunner	S.S. Tod H. Wachala
J.W. James M. Karnafel	S.S. Scott Mitchell

Treas. Donald I. Henry, P.M.	J.S. Steven Toth
Sec'y. Barry L. McKnight, P.M.	Chap Harry E. Personett, P.M.
Tyler David Wright	Organ Louis Toth, P.M.

Many of the intended visitations for 1994, planned by Worshipful Master Kenny Pazdur have been confirmed as of this writing and several confirmations are anxiously awaited. A partial schedule of events is listed to show the many activities McKinley Lodge will be engaged in 1994.

February 8, 1994	President McKinley Night with Dinner
February 22, 1994	Masonic Education Night / Rusty Nail Day (Past Masters and Old Timers will confer the degree)
March 12, 1994	Father and/or Grandfather and Son Night honoring DeMolay
March 14, 1994	Visitation to Arcadia Lodge in Lansing, Illinois.
April 26, 1994	Plans are well underway to confer a degree in the old McKinley Lodge Room in the Hammond Temple at 45 Muenich Court.
May 10, 1994	Craft Dinner (Bring a Brother)
May 28, 1994	Father / Grandfather and Daughter Banquet
June 6, 1994	Masonic Education Night (Knights Templar)
June 25, 1994	Hog Roast and Picnic
July 2, 1994	Visitation to Spencer Lodge and overnight Camping at McCormick State Park
Aug. 9, 1994	Dinner and Stated Meeting
Sep. 10, 1994	Rededication of McKinley Lodge for the 75th Anniversary by the Indiana Grand Lodge Officers
Oct. 8, 1994	Past Masters Dinner in honor of the Past Masters and widows of Past Masters
Nov. 8, 1944	Dinner and Stated Meeting
Nov. 19, 1994	Thanksgiving Pot Luck Dinner
Dec. 10, 1994	Annual Christmas Party

From the above listed Calendar of planned Events for 1994, Wor. Master Kenny Pazdur, the Officers and the members will be quite busy.

***** THE FUTURE OF McKINLEY LODGE *****

Any serious reading of the above pages brings the reader to the conclusion that the past success of McKinley Lodge has been due in large measure to the great dedication of a number of officers and members over a long period of time. This dedication placed the Lodge first and foremost above any other outside activity available to these dedicated Masons. Personal aggrandizement was never a thought in the minds of the men whose names appear time and again in the above history. The tennents of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth are exhibited throughout this history.

The men Installed as Officers of the Lodge for 1994 give every indication of having the dedication and leadership qualities that will insure the success of McKinley Lodge for the immediate future. This writer has full confidence in their leadership abilities, positive attitudes and dedication to each other and to the Lodge.

However, if McKinley Lodge is to continue to shed its beneficent influence throughout the Calumet Region and the State of Indiana, there must continue to be strong leadership dedicated to the principles of brotherly love and friendship, morality and virtue. We must make known the fact that we are not a secret society and that Masonry is not a Religion or a substitute for one. Our meetings are published and the public libraries contain many volummes about Masonry for all the world to read.

We encourage our members to attend the church of their own choice on a regular basis and we forbid the discussion of sectarian religious doctrines or of politics in our meetings. Although we do not actively solicit members we do not hesitate to answer any and all inquiries. Masonry requires only that those who seek admission believe in a Supreme Being, be at least twenty-one years of age, of sound mind and body and maintain a loyalty to family, to the laws of our country and be a loyal citizen of the community and the country. We would encourage all men to become better by adhering to the principles of morality and brotherly love and friendship.

McKinley Lodge must continue to select its officers wisely, make its work interesting and informative to its members. It must provide meaningful activities to instill a positive attitude among its members if the members are to continue to be regular in attendance and take part in the activities of the Lodge.

In today's troubled world, Masonry offers a peaceful harbor where the weary shall find brotherly love and friendship, where no contention should every exist but that noble contention of who best can serve or best agree. Harmony, being the strength and support of all societies, more especially of ours, must be our watchword as we continue to promote each others welfare for the betterment of our Lodge and our country. We must take a leadership role in our communities to instill a moral rectitude of conduct among the citizens to insure a safe and peaceful mode of life for all to enjoy. This is the business of Masonry and we must continue to strive to attain these goals.

The future of McKinley Lodge rests at least in part on how well its members strive to maintain the above principles which are the foundation of Masonry.

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As this volume is brought to close, the writer also wishes to call attention to the many McKinley Men who served as the Presiding Officer in any of the

York Rite Bodies or who achieved the 33rd Degree status, or held an Elected or Appointed Position in the Grand Lodge Line of Officers.

YORK RITE

CHAPTER # 117
ROYAL ARCH MASONS
HIGH PRIEST

Charles Olsen	1923
Charles Bounds	1925
George Gilbert	1929
Arthur Thornton	1931
Roy Walker	1932
James Budge	1933
Walter Stoddard	1935
Lyman Oltz	1936
John May	1939
James Handley	1940
Claude Johnson	1942
Harry Amstein	1943
Max Klee	1944
Floyd Gwinner	1945
Charles Woody	1947
Fred Doyle	1948
Thomas Martinson	1949
George Nimon	1950
Birch Felix Jr.	1951
Edwin Lasbury	1952
Robert Foster	1953
J. Harold Cox	1959
Thomas Nelson Sr.	1960
William McNabney	1962
Charles Rothe	1966
Joseph Miller	1967
Harry Shumaker	1968
Ernest Cunningham	1971-1972
Paul Barnett	1974 - 1979
C. Wayne Cox	1977
Donald Henry	1986
Coy Bonner	1992-1993

COUNCIL # 90
ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS
ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER

Walter Stoddard	1932
Lyman Oltz	1933
Harry York	1937
Leroy McCullum	1938
Harry Amstein	1939
Max Klee	1941
Floyd Gwinner	1942
Lester Leikel	1943
Arthur Thornton	1948
Birch Felix, Jr.	1951
Charles McDonald	1953
George Malcolm	1960
Joseph Miller	1964
Harry Shumaker	1965
Chalres Rothe	1968
Thomas Nelson, Sr.	1970
Ernest Cunningham	1980
Paul Barnett	1981
Donald Henry	1985 & 1986
Coy Bonner	1988
Donald Loeffler	1989
James Karnefel	1990

HAMMOND COMMANDERY # 41, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
EMINENT COMMANDERS

William Startsman	1922
Clyde Cleveland	1925
J. Clinn Ellyson	1930
Charles McDonald	1956
Lloyd Brandenburg	1962
William Kronsel	1963

Leroy McCullum	1938	Paul Barnett	1964
Arthur Thornton	1939	Charles Rothe	1965
Floyd Gwinner	1942	Ernest Cunningham	1968
John Stevenson	1944	J. Harold Cox	1970
Lester Leikel	1945	Harry Shumaker	1980
Forrest Evans	1947	Donald Henry	1986
George Nimon	1949	Donald Loeffler	1990
Harry Amstein	1950	James Karnafel	1991
Ernest Livingston	1951	Birch Felix, Jr.	1952

KNIGHT OF THE YORK CROSS OF HONOR

Arthur O. Thornton
Harry A. Shumaker
Coy E. Bonner
Floyd K. Gwinner
Donald I. Henry

YORK RITE PRIOR

Floyd K. Gwinner

INDIANA GRAND CHAPTER, ROYAL ARCH MASONS

Arthur O. Thornton, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

INDIANA GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

Ernest G. Cunningham, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana 1979

Paul Elwood Barnett, Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery 1979

SCOTTISH RITE 33rd DEGREE

Leroy C. McCullum
J. Clinn Ellyson
Adelbert Langendorff
Clarence A. Tapper
Harold B. Jackson
Dr. E.Stanley Jones
J. Lloyd Crooks
Hayward E. Glidewell

SCOTTISH RITE MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Bland T. McNabney
Howard Kahle
Harry Personett
Cecil Lindsey

INDIANA GRAND LODGE

Leroy C. McCullum, Grand Marshal 1931-32
William F. McNabney, Ed.D., Grand Marshal 1982-83
Barry L. McKnight, Grand Steward and Tyler 1988-89
Clarence A. Tapper, Most Worshipful Grand Master 1982-83

A parting poem this writer wrote for the Square and Compass thirty years ago gives some expression to the feelings men have about Masonry.

THE MEN AND THE LIGHTS OF MASONRY

What inner force compels a man to call for increased light?
What makes him say "I'm off to Lodge" and brave a cold dark night?

What power calls him from repose on summer's eve or autumn morn,
to lend a hand in Masonry that a Brother may be born?

Why will he give up Saturday or miss a football game?
Why will he give up golf as well, or music's sweet refrain?

Why do the men who call for him all wear a smile and happy look?
As if the smile made work worthwhile and Masonry an open book.

Who says "You'll be there I suppose," when they go home at night?
Who hears the answer loud and clear, "In Lodge next week, that's right."

Who are these men who dedicate themselves to Lodge and all its work
who never tell you what goes on and duty never shirk?

The what and why and who are one to all who understand
To all who call for increased Light to bridge the darkened span.

The what and why and who may be the gentle wind that calms the sea
or Brotherly Love those will agree, who know the august mystery.

But when defined expressively for future ages yet to be,
the who and the why and the what must be, the men and the Lights
of Masonry.

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